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Polar Bears to Be Protected

Citing Arctic melting, U.S. adds species to threatened list

WASHINGTON | The Interior Department declared the polar bear a threatened species Wednesday because of the loss of Arctic sea ice but also cautioned the decision should not be viewed as a path to address global warming.

Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne cited dramatic declines in sea ice over the last three decades and projections of continued losses, meaning, he said, that the polar bear is

a species likely to be in danger of extinction in the near future.

But Kempthorne said it would be "wholly inappropriate" to use the protection of the bear to reduce greenhouse gases or to broadly address climate change.

The Endangered Species Act "is not the right tool to set U.S. climate policy," said Kempthorne, reflecting a view recently expressed by President Bush.

Kempthorne cited conclusions by department scientists that sea ice loss will likely result in two-thirds of the polar bears disappearing by mid-century. Studies last year by the U.S. Geological Survey suggested 15,000 bears would be lost in coming decades, with those in the western Hudson Bay area of Alaska and Canada under the greatest stress. But when asked how the bear will be afforded greater protection, Dale Hall, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, had difficulty coming up with examples. H. JOSEF HEBERT (AP)



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A New York City man is suing JetBlue Airways Corp. for more than \$2 million because he says a pilot made him give up his seat to a flight attendant and sit on the toilet for more than three hours on a flight from California. Gokhan Mutlu of Manhattan says in court papers that the pilot told him to go "hang out" in the bathroom about 90 minutes into the San Diego to New York flight because the flight attendant complained that the "jump seat" she was assigned was uncomfortable. Mutlu was traveling on a "buddy pass," a standby travel voucher that JetBlue employees give to friends. (AP)



RIGHTS

Xbox, Red Bull and Hot Chicks for All

A 19-year-old freshman at the University of Oklahoma was elected mayor Tuesday of Muskogee, a city of 38,000 in the northeast part of the state. John Tyler Hammons won with 70 percent of the vote over former Mayor Hershel Ray McBride, said Muskogee County Election Board Secretary Bill Bull. "The public placing their trust in me is the greatest and most awesome experience I've ever had in my life," said Hammons. The two candidates squared off in a runoff election for the nonpartisan post after neither secured 50 percent of the vote in a six-person election April 1. (AP)



PAUL SANCTA/AP

NEW NAMES

That's 'Conductor Roboto'

The lights dimmed and out walked the conductor — shiny and 4 feet 3 inches tall. ASIMO, a robot designed by Honda Motor Co., met its latest challenge Tuesday evening: conducting the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a performance of "The Impossible Dream." "It is thrilling to perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. This is a magnificent concert hall," ASIMO said. (AP)

WHOOOPS

Like 'Home Alone,' But More Depressing

A family left a 23-month-old boy in the Vancouver airport and learned he was

missing only when contacted during the next leg of the trip. Jun Parreno, the boy's father, said the mix-up occurred Monday as he, his wife and two grandparents of the child, J.M., were scrambling between their arrival in Canada

and a connecting flight to Winnipeg on Air Canada. "We had 10 minutes before boarding," said Parreno, who was emigrating with his family from the Philippines. "We were running for the gate." (AP)

Brain Imaging in Depression

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is conducting studies using Positron Emission Tomography (PET) & Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) to better understand how the brain regulates emotion and how depression affects motivation. Studies are conducted at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD.

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SUGAR RUSH: A Girl Scout has financed a trip to Europe with Thin Mints, Samoas and Do-Si-Dos, possibly breaking a national record in the process. Jennifer Sharpe, a 15-year-old from Dearborn, Mich., sold 17,328 boxes of Girl Scout cookies this year.

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In Brief

MIAMI Fifth Person Charged In Killing of Sean Taylor

Prosecutors in Miami say a fifth person has been charged in the slaying of Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor. Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office spokesman Ed Griffith says Wednesday that 16-year-old Timothy Brown is charged with first-degree murder and armed burglary. Griffith says Brown does not yet have an attorney on record with the prosecutor's office. (AP)



Brown

COLUMBUS, OHIO Harassment Scandal Forces Attorney General to Resign

Ohio's attorney general Marc Dann has resigned amid the scandal of a sexual harassment investigation in his office and his extramarital affair. Dann has been under pressure of possible impeachment. He admitted to an extramarital affair with an employee that he said contributed to an atmosphere leading to sexual harassment claims against a top aide. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS:
The Labor Department on Wednesday said food prices rose 0.9 percent between March and April, the biggest one-month jump since 1990. (AP)

Edwards Swings Support to Obama

Democrat announces endorsement, ending months of speculation

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. | Democrat John Edwards endorsed former rival Barack Obama on Wednesday, a move designed to help solidify support for the party's likely presidential nominee even as Hillary Rodham Clinton refuses to give up her long-shot candidacy.

Edwards made a surprise appearance with Obama in Grand Rapids, Mich., as the Illinois senator campaigns in a critical general election battleground state.

The endorsement came a day after Clinton defeated Obama by more than 2-to-1 in the West Virginia primary. The loss highlighted Obama's challenge in winning over the "Hillary Democrats" — white, working-class voters who also



John Edwards, left, a former Democratic presidential hopeful, endorsed former rival Barack Obama, right, at a campaign rally in Grand Rapids, Mich., Wednesday.

supported Edwards in significant numbers before he exited the race in late January.

A person close to Edwards, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he wanted to get involved

now to begin unifying the Democratic party.

Edwards, who received a thunderous ovation when Obama introduced him to a crowd of several thousand, said, "brothers and sisters, we must come together as Democrats" to defeat McCain. "We are here tonight because the Democratic voters have made their choice, and so have I."

He said Obama "stands with me" in a fight to cut poverty in half within 10 years.

Edwards also praised Clinton, saying, "we are a stronger party" because of her, and "we're going to have a stronger nominee in the fall because of her work."

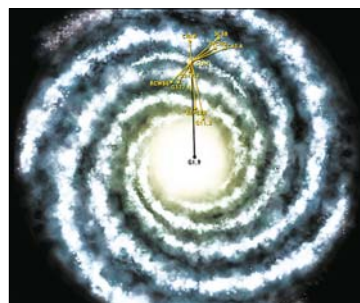
Clinton campaign chairman Terry McAuliffe said in a statement, "We respect John Edwards, but as the voters of West Virginia showed last night, this thing is far from over." CHARLES BABINGTON (AP)

Scientists Find Youngest Supernova

Astronomers believe star exploded in the Milky Way in 1868

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | Astronomers have discovered the youngest known supernova in the Milky Way galaxy, still just a baby at 140 years old.

The scientists, who announced their findings Wednesday, used a



This artist's rendering shows the Milky Way and the location of supernovae.

radio observatory in New Mexico and NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory in space to identify when the supernova, or stellar, explosion occurred. They put the star-dying event at sometime around 1868.

Before this, the youngest supernova in the Milky Way was thought to have occurred around 1680.

A supernova is the catastrophic explosion of a star that releases an extraordinary amount of ener-

gy, enough to outshine an entire galaxy.

This new baby supernova is located near the center of the galaxy and obscured by dense gas and dust, making it virtually impossible to see in optical light.

Two to three supernovae are thought to occur every century in the Milky Way. As a result, there are probably even younger ones out there waiting to be identified, said David Green of the University of Cambridge in England, who led the study. MARCIA DUNN (AP)

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"Crazy raspberry ants" are seen in Deer Park, Texas. The ants are throwing off the balance of nature and swarming backyards.

'Crazy' Ants Invade Texas

Resilient species is spreading, frustrating extermination efforts

DALLAS | In what sounds like a low-budget horror film, voracious ants that apparently arrived in Texas aboard a cargo ship are invading homes and yards across Houston, shorting out electrical boxes and messing up computers.

The hairy, reddish-brown creatures are known as "crazy raspberry ants" — crazy, because they wander erratically instead of marching in lines, and "rasberry" after Tom Rasberry, an exterminator who did

battle against them early on.

"They're itty-bitty things about the size of fleas, and they're just running everywhere," said Patsy Morpheu of Pearland, who is constantly sweeping them off her patio and scooping them out of her pool.

The ants have spread to five Houston-area counties since they were first spotted in 2002.

The good news? They eat fire ants, the stinging red terrors of Texas summers.

But the ants also are attracted to electrical equipment, for reasons that are not well understood. They have ruined pumps at sewage stations, fouled computers and caused

fire alarms to malfunction.

Exterminators say calls from frustrated homeowners and businesses are increasing because the ants appear to be resistant to over-the-counter ant killers.

At the same time, the ants aren't taking the bait usually left out in traps, according to exterminators, who want the Environmental Protection Agency to loosen restrictions on the use of powerful pesticides.

And when you do kill these ants, the survivors turn it to their advantage: They pile up the dead, sometimes using them as a bridge to cross surfaces treated with pesticide. LINDA STEWART BALL (AP)

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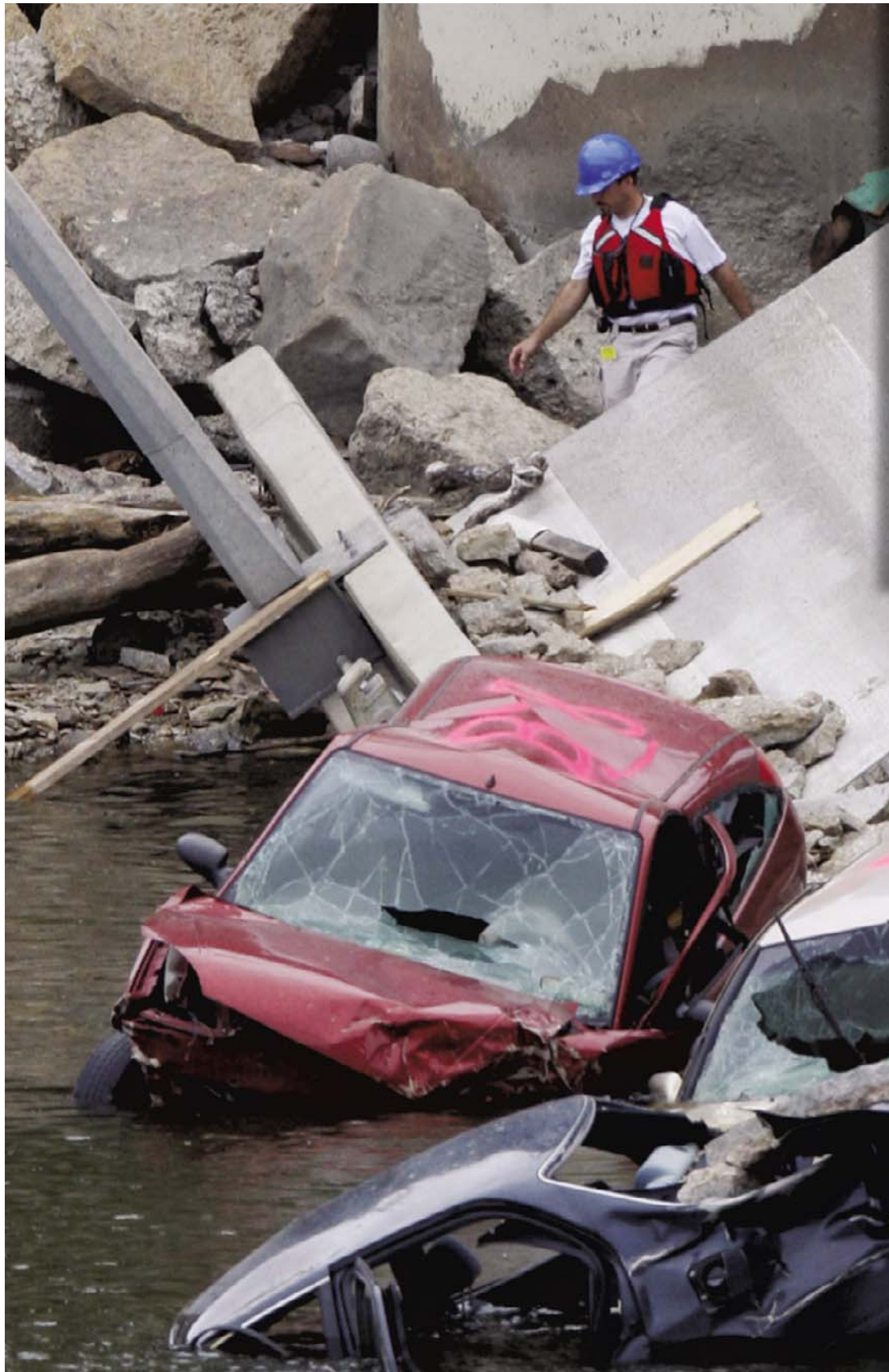
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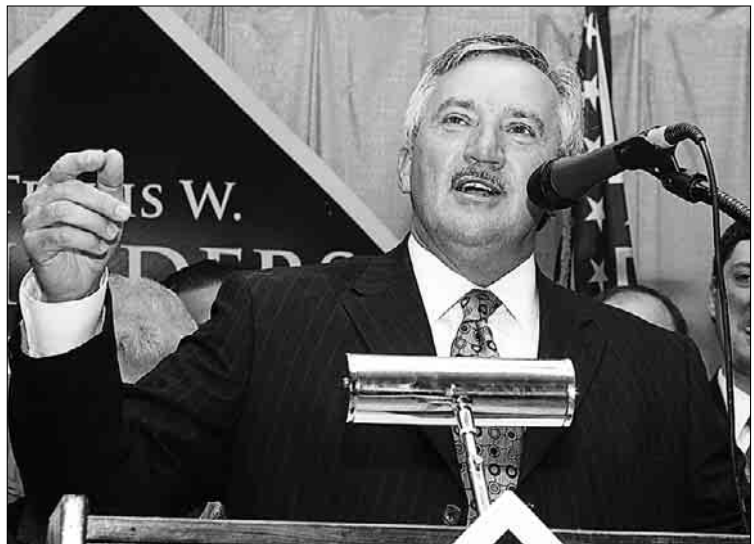
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Travis Childers speaks to a capacity crowd at Northeast Mississippi Community College Tuesday night after winning a hotly contested congressional race.

Defeat in Miss. Is Troubling for GOP

Fearing heavy losses in general election, Republicans regroup

WASHINGTON | Stunned House Republicans vowed campaign changes Wednesday and debated the wisdom of attacking Democratic presidential front-runner Barack Obama in congressional races after their third straight election defeat in once-friendly territory.

"The political atmosphere ... is the worst since Watergate and far more toxic than the fall of 2006 when we lost 30 seats," Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia wrote the leadership in a bluntly worded memo.

"Clearly, I think we've got to do a better job" going into the November elections, said the Republican leader, Rep. John Boehner, one day after Democrat Travis Childers won a Mississippi congressional victory. That seat had been in Republican hands since the 1994 landslide that swept the GOP into power.

Childers' victory came one week after Rep. Don Cazayoux won a House seat in the Baton Rouge, La., area that had been in Republican hands for three decades. Over the winter, Rep. Bill Foster won an election in Illinois to succeed former House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

Childers and Cazayoux both

ran as conservatives, but Republicans and their allies sought to link them negatively to Obama in television commercials. In both cases, some Republicans said the tactic appeared to backfire, prompting blacks to turn out in unexpected-

"The political atmosphere ... is the worst since Watergate."

REP. TOM DAVIS

ly large numbers and vote for the Democrats.

"We're not going to be able to scare people into voting Republicans by being against Barack Obama. You have to have a relevant agenda and a compelling reason to vote Republican," said Rep. Chip Pickering, R-Miss.

The cumulative effect of the loss of three seats in special elections is a significant blow to a party that is still adjusting to its loss of power in the 2006 midterm elections.

"They are canaries in the coal mine, warning of far greater losses in the fall, if steps are not taken to remedy the current climate," Davis wrote in his memo. DAVID ESPO (AP)

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The percentage of schools that were destroyed or severely damaged in the cyclone-ravaged region of Myanmar, according to a U.N. report Wednesday. UNICEF said children in that area may be forced to attend classes in relief camps and tents.

In Brief



A police officer inspects the scene of a bomb blast in Legutiano, Spain.

LEGUTIANO, SPAIN

Basque Separatists Blamed For Attack on Police Homes

Suspected Basque separatists bombed a village police barracks housing officers and their families on Wednesday, killing one person and wounding four. Spain's government described it as an attempted massacre. In the first fatal attack blamed on the militant separatist group ETA in more than two months, the pre-dawn car bombing in the Basque village of Legutiano in northern Spain blew off part of the building's roof, trapping people inside. (AP)

KHAR, PAKISTAN

Suspected Missile Strike in Border Village Kills About 12

A suspected missile strike late Wednesday in a Pakistan border village destroyed a house and killed about a dozen people, residents and a militant spokesman said. The same village was targeted by the U.S. two years ago as a haunt of al-Qaeda No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahiri. At least two blasts hit Damadola village, said residents, who reported seeing drones flying in the area beforehand. (AP)

JAIPUR, INDIA

Authorities Impose Curfew After Explosions Kill 80

Indian authorities imposed a curfew in Jaipur's walled old city Wednesday, where seven bombs killed 80 and wounded nearly 200 at crowded markets and a Hindu temple filled with worshippers a day before. The result was empty streets and shuttered stores for much of the day, until the curfew was lifted in the evening. People flocked onto the streets, buying groceries and going to prayers. (AP)

China Searches for Quake Survivors

Thousands remain missing, buried after Monday's earthquake

HANWANG, CHINA | Soldiers rushed to shore up a dam cracked by a powerful earthquake Wednesday while rescue workers rode ships and helicopters into the isolated epicenter. They were still unable to carry much equipment and were forced to dig for survivors with bare hands.

Thousands remained missing and buried, and the death toll of nearly 15,000 was expected to climb. Relief operations spread into the mountains of Sichuan province that were jolted by Monday's magnitude-7.9 quake that triggered landslides blocking roads to hardest-hit areas.

Even as the rescue effort seemed to gather momentum — speeded by better weather after two days of rain — the government's resources were stretched thin from caring for tens of thousands of people made homeless across the disaster zone.

Homeless victims begged for aid on roadsides, and people settled in for a third night in a grow-



An earthquake survivor looks at the debris surrounding his destroyed house in Dujiangyan, China, on Wednesday.

ing sprawl of refugee camps littered with garbage.

In Hanwang, a town in one of the hardest-hit counties, survivors stood by roadsides hoping for handouts from cars — in one case,

jostling to reach a vehicle where a passenger passed bottled water out the window.

"I'm numb," said Zhao Xiaoli, a 25-year-old nurse working at a makeshift triage center in tire

factory driveway across the street. "The first day, hundreds of kids died when a school collapsed. The rest who came in had serious injuries. There was so little we could do for them." AUDRA ANG (AP)

Red Cross: Cyclone Toll May Top 100K

U.N. warns of more deaths in Myanmar unless junta allows aid

YANGON, MYANMAR | The Red Cross estimated Wednesday that the cyclone death toll in Myanmar could be as high as 128,000 — a much higher figure than the government tally. The U.N. warned a second wave of deaths would follow unless the military regime lets in more aid quickly.

The grim forecast came as heavy rains drenched the devastated Irrawaddy River delta, disrupting aid operations already struggling to reach up to 2.5 million people in urgent need of food, water and shelter.

A tropical depression in the Bay of Bengal added new worries, but late in the day forecasters said it was



A man prays next to photographs of the devastation caused by the cyclone in the Irrawaddy River delta region at a pagoda in Yangon, Myanmar, on Wednesday.

unlikely to grow into a cyclone.

Myanmar's government issued a revised casualty toll Wednesday night, saying 38,491 were known dead and 27,838 were missing.

But the junta still refused to accept help from foreign aid

experts.

Myanmar's prime minister, Lt. Gen. Thein Sein, told visiting Thai Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej on Wednesday that the government was in control of the situation and didn't need foreign experts. (AP)

Lebanon Cabinet Repeals Decision Vs. Hezbollah

BEIRUT, LEBANON | The U.S.-backed Cabinet on Wednesday reversed measures against the militant Hezbollah movement that set off Lebanon's worst violence since the 1975-90 civil war.

The decision was a major victory for the Iranian-allied Hezbollah and the latest sign that the Shiite militant group appeared to have gained the upper hand in the country's political power struggle after its fighters routed supporters of the government.

Seconds after the announcement, celebratory gunfire erupted south of Beirut, a Hezbollah stronghold. However, there was no immediate response from the movement's leaders to the government's decision. (AP)

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Israeli paramedics evacuate an injured man from a shopping mall after a rocket from Gaza struck in Ashkelon, Israel, on Wednesday, injuring at least 14 people.

Rocket Explosion In Israel Hurts 14

Strike in mall occurs as President Bush talks with PM Olmert

ASHKELON, ISRAEL | A rocket fired from Gaza exploded in a shopping center in this southern Israeli city Wednesday, wounding at least 14 people, as President Bush wrapped up talks in Jerusalem with Israel's prime minister.

The attack raised the chances that Israel will send large numbers of ground forces into the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip — something the army chief has reportedly decided he wants to do.

The rocket ripped through the roof of a mall in Ashkelon, causing a large chunk of the ceiling to collapse. Four windows were blown out of the side of the building.

Hours after the attack, Israeli aircraft fired twice at a group of

Hamas militants in Gaza City, killing two and wounding five, Hamas officials and witnesses said. The air-strikes hit the Shajaiyeh neighborhood of Gaza City, a militant stronghold near the Israeli border.

The Israeli military said its forces attacked armed Palestinians.

After his talks with Bush, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Israel will take the "necessary steps" to stop violence from Gaza and called the Ashkelon attack "intolerable and unacceptable."

"The government of Israel is committed to stop it," he said at a world conference marking Israel's 60th anniversary.

Prior to the attack, Olmert had told Bush that his government was hoping it would "not have to act against Hamas in other ways with the military power that Israel hasn't yet started to use in a serious manner in order to stop it." KARIN LAUB (AP)

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BY THE NUMBERS: The U.S. topped world competitiveness rankings for the 15th straight year, according to an annual survey released Thursday. Singapore, Hong Kong, Switzerland and Luxembourg rounded out the top five most competitive economies, said Switzerland's IMD business school. The study ranks 55 economies according to 331 criteria that measure how the nations create and maintain conditions favorable to businesses.



TRUMP WANNABE?: Bruised at the ballot box and savaged by critics, Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown plotted a political comeback Wednesday that might include a role in an "Apprentice"-style TV show for young, would-be lawmakers. The new BBC reality show would feature Brown as a judge on a program called "Junior P.M."

World

Iraqi PM Takes on Mosul

Al-Maliki aims to rout al-Qaeda in Iraq as suicide attack kills 22

BAGHDAD | Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki took personal charge Wednesday of a military operation to rout al-Qaeda in Iraq in what the U.S. has described as the terror group's last major stronghold, even as a tenuous cease-fire took hold of Baghdad's Sadr City slum.

The campaign in the northern city of Mosul was the third by al-Maliki in two months as he attempts to stamp out Shiite militants and



Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, left, arrives in Mosul on Wednesday.

Sunni extremists across Iraq.

But even as al-Maliki directed operations against al-Qaeda in Iraq, a suicide bomber probably belonging to

the organization killed at least 22 people and wounded another 40 at the funeral of a Sunni grammar school principal just west of Baghdad.

Col. Faisal al-Zubaie, the director of police in nearby Fallujah, said the bomber blew himself up inside a funeral tent in the village of Abu Minasir. The funeral was being held for Taha Obaid, who was fatally shot Tuesday in his school.

The funeral was being attended by many members of so-called Awakening Councils, Sunnis who switched allegiances and are now fighting al-Qaeda. **SINAN SALAHEDDIN (AP)**

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NEITHER BIRD NOR PLANE: Yves Rossy flies over the Swiss Alps aided by a jet-powered wing on Wednesday. The 48-year-old pilot rose up to 2,600 feet at times during his first public demonstration of the homemade device.

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Money

5.21 The amount, in dollars, the city of Brighton, Mich., paid to mail Phil Kanzasji a property tax bill for 51 cents. Kanzasji paid \$158 on a bill for \$158.48, so the city penalized him 3 cents and then sent him the tiny tab via certified mail.

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange				NASDAQ Stock Market			
Gainers				Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE	STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CPI	20.61	+2.33	+12.7	BevrHilBc	3.35	+.50	+17.4
Sothebys	26.70	+2.64	+11.0	Toplmgc	2.16	+.31	+16.8
VirginM n	3.37	+.33	+10.9	Tufco	7.00	+1.00	+16.7
BrkfldH	17.30	+1.66	+10.6	TerreStr n	5.14	+.64	+14.2
FredMac	27.25	+2.29	+9.2	lomai	6.39	+.05	+0.8
Losers				Losers			
US Shipg	7.02	-1.18	-14.4	HaugpDig	2.71	-1.09	-28.7
Indymac	2.01	-.31	-13.4	PluristTh n	2.15	-.61	-22.1
AlescoFncl	2.34	-.31	-11.7	GeronCp	3.94	-.96	-19.6
JackBox s	24.87	-2.90	-10.4	YoungInno	17.65	-3.30	-15.8
BankAtl A	2.33	-.26	-10.0	FortrrsInt n	3.75	-.69	-15.5

Rates			Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)			
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Prime Rate	5.00	5.00	British Pound	.5144	.5139	.5055
Fed Funds close	1.94	1.88	Canadian Dollar	1.0031	1.0033	1.1072
3-month disc	1.79	1.60	European Euro	.6468	.6460	.7385
2-year	2.52	2.30	Japanese Yen	106.38	105.26	120.29
10-year	3.93	3.86	Mexican Peso	10.4932	10.4756	10.8042
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Bank Stocks			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
BkofAm	36.80	+.19	-10.8
BkMont g	49.48	+.39	-12.6
BkNova g	48.46	+.26	-4.0
CIBC g	73.74	+.68	+3.2
Citigrp	23.25	+.22	-21.0
DeutschBk	117.40	-.27	-9.3
JPMorgCh	45.91	+.43	+6.1
PNC	67.97	+.45	+3.5
RoyalBk g	49.53	+1.01	-3.0
SunTrst	56.54	+.81	-9.5
TorDBk g	67.30	+.56	-3.0
UBS AG	30.87	+.08	-29.5
US Bancrp	34.30	+.31	+8.1
Wachovia	27.64	-.15	-27.3
WellsFargo	28.91	-.06	-4.2



Johnny Scheff of Motoworks in Chicago rides a custom-painted scooter near his dealership on Tuesday. Scheff said sales of Vespa scooters were brisk in April.

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Efficient Scooters Get Second Look

Dealerships report heightened interest in fuel-friendly cycles

PIERRE, S.D. | Joan Kohler is not a typical new scooter customer.

But the 51-year-old restaurant owner bought a candy-apple red Honda last week as worries about the price of gas overrode any trepidation about learning to drive it.

With the price of gas closing in on \$4 per gallon, many cash-strapped motorists are turning to fuel-stingy motor scooters and smaller motorcycles. Dealers across the nation report brisk sales this spring, particularly for those that get from 75 to 120 miles per gallon.

Sales of name-brand scooters such as Honda, Yamaha, Vespa and Suzuki rose 24 percent in the first quarter of the year, said Mike Mount, spokesman for the Motorcycle Industry Council trade group.

Ross Petersen, a motorcycle and scooter dealer in South Dakota's capital, Pierre, said scooter and medium-size motorcycle sales are propelled by gas prices.

"We're selling to people who we normally wouldn't get into our shop," Petersen said. "We're getting people who have no intention of ever

moving up to a bigger motorcycle like a Harley-Davidson."

Within a day of buying her Honda from Petersen Motors, Kohler had 35 miles on her scooter. She said the price of gas was a major consideration, even though her daily

“We’re selling to people who we normally wouldn’t get into our shop.”

ROSS PETERSEN, SCOOTER DEALER

commute is just a few miles.

"One-hundred miles to the gallon is great," she said. "I don't do a lot of driving; it's just mainly going to work and back. And I thought, 'It can't be that difficult to drive.'"

Johnny Scheff of Motoworks in Chicago, which sells Vespas, said high gas prices are prompting consumers to find alternative means of transportation. Scooters can pay for themselves in fuel savings over one to three years, he said.

"April was a terrible weather month in Chicago, and the things were just flying out the door," he said. JOE KAFKA (AP)

The amount, in millions of dollars, that airlines were undercharged in rents and fees over the past four years at Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, according to state officials. The Maryland Aviation Administration says it plans to recover less than half that amount.

In Brief



A recent study says the Jefferson Memorial's outer sea wall is sinking.

WASHINGTON
Study: Jefferson Memorial Outer Sea Wall Is Sinking

The Tidal Basin sea wall at the Jefferson Memorial is sinking in some spots and should be repaired, according to a study commissioned by the National Park Service. The study released Tuesday attributes the sinking mainly to soft soil under the wall that has compressed over the years. In some places, the wall has sunk almost a foot since being built. The rate of sinking also seems to have increased in recent years, which might be connected to the changes in groundwater levels, according to the study. (AP)

FORT WASHINGTON, MD.
2 Crude Bottle Bombs Explode at Md. High School

Authorities say two homemade bombs containing toilet cleaner and tinfoil packed inside plastic bottles exploded at a Fort Washington high school. No one was injured. Sgt. Mario Ellis, a spokesman for the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office, says two students were apprehended Wednesday and are facing charges. Four of the bottle bombs were found inside the building, but only two exploded. (AP)

CULPEPER, VA.
Amtrak May Launch Rail Service to Washington

Amtrak is considering launching daily passenger-rail service linking Culpeper and Washington by 2010. Town Councilman Chris Snider says he and Mayor Pranas Rimeikis have learned a daily morning train that Council members unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday supporting the rail project. (AP)

Study: D.C. Drivers U.S.' 5th Rudest

Road rage survey also says city is most prone to last-minute braking

As traffic in the Washington region continues to worsen — disrupting dinner plans, ruining Little League games and raising the blood pressure of millions every day — a survey released this week offered some (small) consolation: At least we're not getting any ruder.

According to the third annual AutoVantage Road Rage Sur-

vey, Washington maintained the dubious honor bestowed upon it last year, ranking as the fifth-rudest metropolitan area in the nation.

"So, we're still lewd, rude and crude, huh?" said John B. Townsend II of AAA Mid-Atlantic.

"It speaks about the Jekyll and Hyde personality. We will do things behind the wheel, say things to people behind the wheel, that we wouldn't say face-to-face. Traffic has become so depersonalizing that it lapses the sense of who we

NATIONAL RESULTS

→ Washington fell behind Miami, Boston, New York and Baltimore on the list of least courteous cities but beat out Atlanta and Los Angeles.

→ The most courteous cities were Pittsburgh, Portland, Seattle, Minneapolis and Cleveland.

are and what we are."

The survey also found that Washington was the most likely

place for drivers to slam on their brakes at the last minute; 40 percent of motorists surveyed here said they observe that daily.

The survey was conducted by Prince Market Research and was based on 2,512 phone interviews with drivers in 25 major metropolitan areas.

In a study released in September by the Texas Transportation Institute, the Washington area moved from third to second place for the worst traffic in the nation. JONATHAN MUMMOLO (THE WASHINGTON POST)

CHELTENHAM, MD. | MPD OFFICERS UNDERGO ASSAULT RIFLE TRAINING



READY, AIM, FIRE: Firearms instructor Richard Reading, left, watches as MPD officers fire semi-automatic AR-15 rifles during training Wednesday at a Homeland Security facility in Cheltenham, Md. MPD officers will be issued the assault rifles in coming months. Officials say the weapons will help protect them against criminals with high-powered weapons.

NW Park Closed for Arsenic

The National Park Service closed Fort Reno Park in Northwest Washington Wednesday to investigate a report of unsafe levels of arsenic in the park's soil, officials said.

"Upon learning of recently reported high levels of arsenic from United States Geological Survey satellite imaging reports," the park service said, it "moved immediately to close Fort Reno Park to the public with snow-fencing being set up around the perimeter of the park."

The park, at Chesapeake Street and Nebraska Avenue NW in the Tenleytown neighborhood, near Woodrow Wilson Senior High School, is a popular site for soccer and other sports as well as concerts.

The satellite imaging was done as part of the Geological Survey's "on-going work in the Spring Valley section of upper Northwest Washington with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers," the Park Service said in a statement.

The service said it was working with the EPA, the Corps of Engineers and the D.C. Health Department "to more fully and accurately determine possible public risk, if any, and other courses of action."

PAUL DUGGAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Rolling Cash Five (Tues.)	3-10-19-27-30
Daily 6 (Tues.)	11-21-28-32-37-39 Bonus: 22

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	0-9-6
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	7-1-2
Mid-day Pick 4	6-1-1-1
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	5-2-3-2
Match 5 (Tues.)	12-15-20-25-38 Bonus: 34

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	4-4-4
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	7-6-6
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	6-7-2-3

Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	5-0-8-7
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Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	16-17-18-21-25

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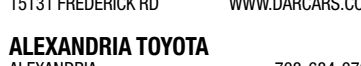
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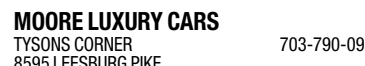
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Sports

Hornets Put Spurs Back on the Brink

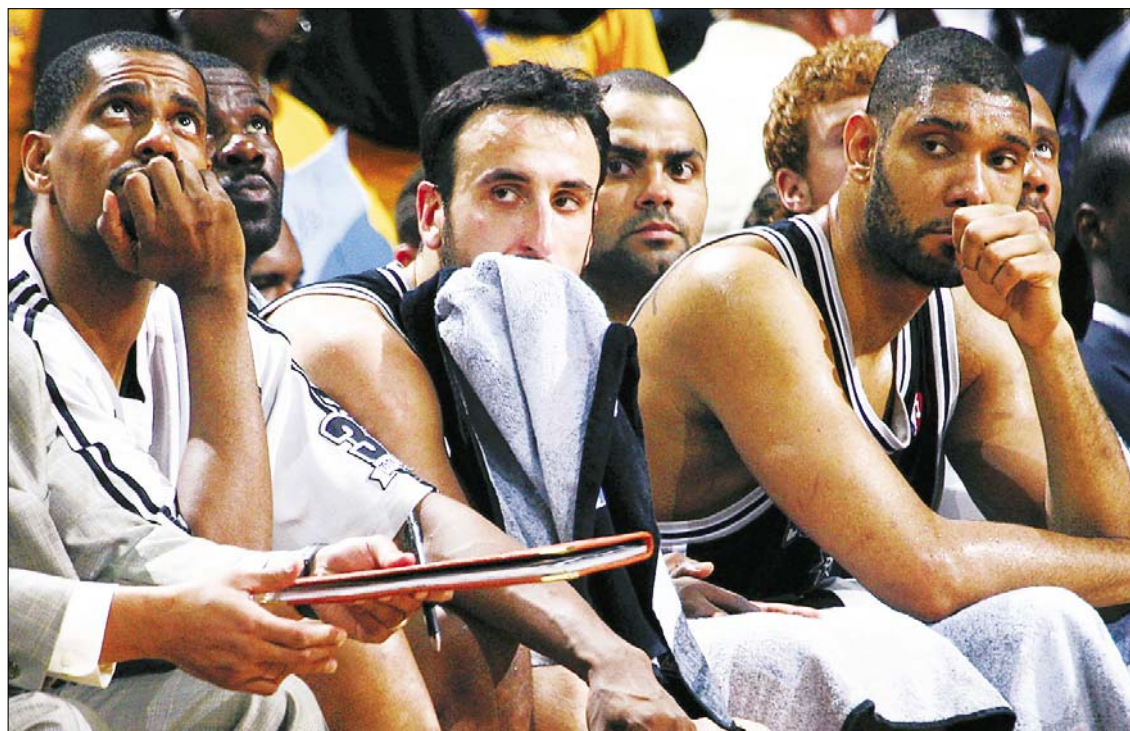
Just when the champs look like champs again, they are badly beaten

NBA PLAYOFFS | Just as Tim Duncan and the San Antonio Spurs appeared to be hitting their stride and gaining momentum for a berth in the Western Conference finals, they are down again, their march toward consecutive NBA titles very much in doubt.

The defending champions face elimination at the hands of the upstart Hornets, who have a 3-2 lead in the conference semifinals, when they play Game 6 on Thursday.

"The best opportunity for us is really tomorrow [Thursday]. We've got to look at it that way," Hornets coach Byron Scott said. "We've got a chance to close out the defending champions. Obviously, we know it's going to be a very, very tough game to do that, especially in San Antonio."

After starting the series in an 0-2 hole against Chris Paul and the Hornets, the Spurs stormed back with home wins in Games 3 and 4. In Game 4 in particular, they were difficult to counter on either end of the court. Duncan had his best game of the series and the Hornets



The San Antonio Spurs sit on the bench at the end of Game 5, which they lost 101-79 to go down 3-2 in the best-of-seven series.

struggled throughout.

Paul insisted after each game in San Antonio that it was not time for his team to panic, but the Spurs seemed to be picking up speed and getting ready to send the youthful Hornets home to try again next year.

Now, after a decisive Game 5

loss Tuesday night in New Orleans, the Spurs are the ones who may be panicking, though their veteran status and deep playoff experience are just the kind of assets that could keep them cool and confident in Game 6.

"The bottom line is that the better team wins in a seven-game

series," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I've always said that. So whoever wins the series it will be because they're the better team."

ELIZABETH WHITE (AP)

Late game: The Celtics-Cavaliers game ended after Express' deadline. Get results in **Today's Post, Sports**



Jay Payton, right, hit a grand slam to come from behind to beat Boston, 7-3.

Orioles Slam Sox For Sweep

Baltimore comes back from being down 3-0 on Payton's grand slam

ORIOLES | Jay Payton hit his fourth career grand slam to back a gritty pitching effort by Daniel Cabrera, and the Orioles rallied to beat the Red Sox 6-3 Wednesday for a two-game sweep.

Solo homers by Jason Varitek and Mike Lowell, and a defensive gem by Manny Ramirez — yes, Manny Ramirez — weren't enough to prevent the Red Sox from losing their fourth straight. It was the third consecutive game in which Boston blew a three-run lead.

The Orioles trailed 3-0 and were down 3-2 before going ahead in the seventh. With two outs, Freddie Bynum was credited with an infield hit. After Craig Hansen (0-2) gave up a single to Guillermo Quiroz and walked Brian Roberts to load the bases, Payton hit the second pitch from Hideki Okajima into the left-field seats.

That provided Cabrera (4-1) with a rare win over the Red Sox. The right-hander gave up three runs and 10 hits in seven innings, striking out three and walking none. He gave up a hit in every inning but the seventh.

Cabrera came in 1-9 with a 7.84 ERA in 11 career starts against Boston. He had lost seven straight to the Red Sox since 2005. (AP)

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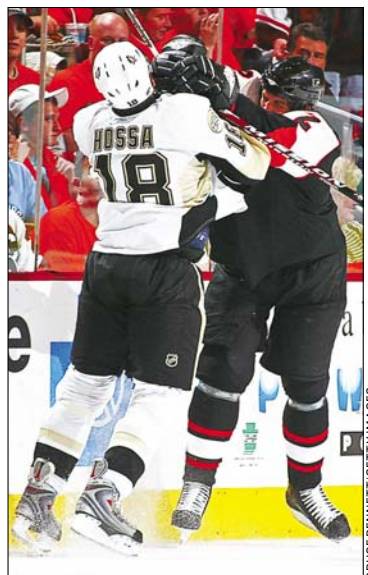
Unlikely Group of Heroes in Pittsburgh

Defense, not scoring by Crosby and Malkin, has been key in playoffs

NHL PLAYOFFS | A little more than two years ago, coach Michel Therrien — 11 games into his tenure behind the Pittsburgh Penguins bench — ripped his club for its evident indifference to defense.

Now, one win away from the Stanley Cup finals, the hard-nosed taskmaster looks back fondly on the night his club bought into the rough message he sent.

"When I came to Pittsburgh, the team was in last place," Therrien said Wednesday. "When you're in last place, there is a reason. They had good players, but the com-



Marian Hossa and the other Penguins scorers have embraced team defense.

mitment, not only defensively, but the all-around commitment was not there.

"If you want to have some success, we had to change everything: the attitude, work ethic, and commitment, because we were going the wrong way."

Not anymore. The Penguins are a stunning 11-1 in the playoffs and own a 3-0 lead for the third straight series. They can wrap up the Eastern Conference finals as early as Thursday when they face the Flyers again in Philadelphia.

The Wachovia Center had been a house of horrors for the Penguins, who lost four times there during the season. They broke through Tuesday with a 4-1 win made possible by Pittsburgh's defense as much as

its high-powered offense.

No one could have imagined a team boasting Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Marian Hossa, would concentrate on playing a system based on forcing mistakes and protecting its end.

Therrien might have been the biggest disbeliever in January 2006 when the Penguins were beaten by Edmonton for their eighth loss under his brief watch.

"It's a pathetic performance," he said then of his inherited club, that had allowed an NHL-worst 166 goals and got coach Eddie Olczyk fired. "Half of the team doesn't care. ... They're doing the best job to be the worst defensive squad in the league. They turn the puck over, they have no vision. The guys don't care. They pretend to care, but I know they don't."

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The number of rules violations the NCAA accused Alabama State of committing, the Montgomery Advertiser reported. The violations occurred between 1999 and 2003.

Sports

Beard Shoulders Big Load

Mystics guard decided to pass up overseas money to help her team

MYSTICS | Alana Beard's locker looked like a miniature hospital ward after Washington Mystics games last season. Electrodes were attached to her left shoulder, connected to an imposing-looking stim machine that sat on the floor.

"I don't know how I managed to get through an entire year," she said.

She not only played; she excelled again, finishing fourth in the WNBA in points (18.8) and steals (1.94) per game. She was selected for the league's All-Star Game for the third time and kept the Mystics in playoff contention until the final day of the regular season despite an 0-8 start. But her valiant effort came with a price. Literally.

After playing in pain the entire season, Beard had surgery in September to repair a torn labrum. In most any other professional league,



MANUEL BALCEGA/PA

Guard Alana Beard struggled through a shoulder injury almost all of last season.

that would be the obvious choice: Go under the knife once the season is done, then use the offseason to heal.

But Beard and many other WNBA players make their real money in the offseason, playing overseas. The smart move financially would have been to have the surgery at the start of the WNBA season so that she

could do her usual trips abroad, with the additional bonus of being healthy in plenty of time to make her case to be chosen for the U.S. Olympic team this summer.

"A lot of people were in my ear: 'AB, you have to think about your future, you have a bright future ahead of you,'" Beard said. "And I said, 'Yeah, but I also have a team that's working their butts off to play this game and to win,' and I couldn't give up on that."

Even with her shoulder not completely healed, Beard was in such demand that she was signed by a Polish team in March just for the play-offs. Lotos made it to the finals but lost the championship in Game 7.

Now back in Washington, Beard is preparing for the Mystics' season. Still a bit jet-lagged and not really in full basketball shape, Beard finds her plight a challenge to her usually upbeat nature. She'll miss the first two games, including the opener Saturday at Indiana.

"If anything, I'm getting tested now," Beard said. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Tennis' No. 1 Woman Henin Calls It Quits

25-year-old star is 1st to quit while still atop the WTA rankings

TENNIS | The determination that helped Justine Henin beat bigger, stronger opponents time and again was fading.

"I decided," the 25-year-old Belgian said, "to stop fooling myself and accept it."

Henin retired from tennis Wednesday, an abrupt ending to a career in which she won seven Grand Slam singles titles and spent more than 100 weeks ranked No. 1.

She announced her decision at a news conference 1½ weeks before the start of the French Open, where she has won the past three titles and four overall.

Put simply, she realized she was



MARK RENDERS/GETTY IMAGES

Justine Henin enters a press conference to announce her retirement Wednesday.

burned out, and became the first woman to quit the sport while atop the WTA rankings.

"I always based everything on this motivation — this flame — that was in me. And once I lost that, I lost many, many things," Henin said. RAF CASERT (AP)

Russian Club Zenit Wins UEFA Cup Final, 2-0

SOCCER | Zenit St. Petersburg became the second Russian team in four seasons to win the UEFA Cup, beating Scotland's Glasgow Rangers 2-0 in the final Wednesday night.

Igor Denisov scored in the 72nd minute after an exchange with Andrei Arshavin, cutting through the defense and beating goalkeeper Neil Alexander. Konstantin Zyryanov got the second goal in injury time, tapping the ball over the line off a pass from Fatih Tekke.

Denisov had escaped being penalized for a handball early in the second half, with Swedish referee Peter Frøjdeldt not making a call.

CSKA Moscow became the first Russian club to win a European title in 2005 when it captured the UEFA Cup, Europe's No. 2 club tournament behind the Champions League. KRYSZYNA RUDZKI (AP)

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OUCH: Star pitcher Clay Buchholz was put on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday by the Red Sox because of a broken nail on his right middle finger. Last year, he threw a no-hitter against the O's.



Sports

Specter Wants Investigation

Senator threatens NFL's antitrust status over Spygate scandal

NFL | Sen. Arlen Specter wants an independent investigation of the Patriots' taping of opposing coaches' signals similar to the Mitchell Report on performance enhancing drugs in baseball.

Specter again criticized the league's handling of the investigation and threatened the possibility of revoking the NFL's antitrust exemption during a news conference Wednesday. The senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee met with former New England video assistant Matt Walsh a day earlier.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell indicated he considered the investigation over after meeting with Walsh on Tuesday.

"Everybody pooh-poohs it," Specter said. "It's ridiculous to make that kind of contention."

Specter, from Pennsylvania,



Sen. Arlen Specter said on Wednesday that the Spygate scandal was not over.

HEARSAY | SPYGATE

"I must compliment the Boston Herald for doing what is unprecedented."

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cited the fact a Patriots attorney sat in on Walsh's meeting with Goodell as proof the investigation has not been impartial.

He repeated his disapproval of Goodell's decision to destroy the notes and tapes confiscated during the initial investigation last fall.

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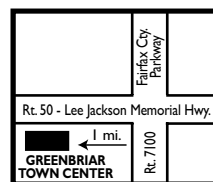
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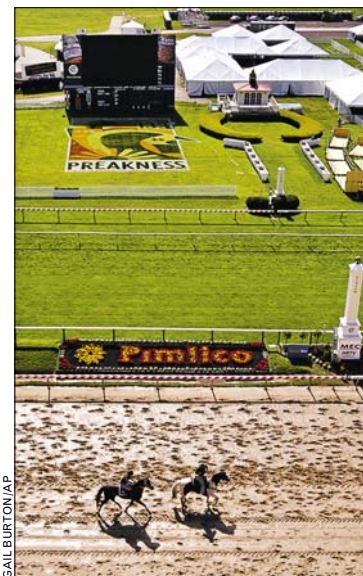
Sports

All Is Quiet During Week Before Race

Trainers no longer feel the need to bring their horses to the track early

HORSE RACING | For the better part of a week, the only sounds around the stakes barn at Pimlico Race Course have been raindrops, a few birds chirping and the clomp-clomp-clomp of one horse strutting around the stable.

Until being joined by Hey Byrn on Tuesday morning, Kentucky Bear was the lone Preakness entrant in the barn. Stall 40, reserved for the Kentucky Derby champion, was as empty



Pimlico has been quiet all week, and some horses won't arrive until race day.

BEAT THE ODDS

Not surprisingly, Big Brown is the overwhelming favorite for this weekend's post position:

- Big Brown will start from the seventh position and is 1-to-2.
- Gayego, 8-to-1, is the only other horse that also ran the Derby and will start from the 12th position, second from the outside.
- Three other horses — Yankee Brave (15-to-1), Behindatthebar (10-to-1) and Kentucky Bear (15-to-1) are the only other horses better than 20-to-1.

as an abandoned apartment.

On the other side of the barn, Kentucky Bear has had the run of the place. There once was a time when trainers thought it absolutely necessary to allow their horses to get acclimated to their surroundings before a big race, but the rows of empty stalls at Pimlico this week indicate that

tactic is no longer required.

Kentucky Derby winner Big Brown was slated to arrive Wednesday evening. Icabad Crane and Behindatthebar aren't expected to show up until the morning of the race. So, on Tuesday morning, only six of the 40 stalls were filled.

The handlers of Kentucky Bear, however, are definitely old-school. They brought the horse to Pimlico on May 7 and have been holed up in Baltimore ever since.

"He's been able to work well over the track and settled in really well, so I think it's an advantage," assistant trainer Cassie Garcia said. "I think it depends on the horse, their trainer and their schedule. Maybe the other horses are better at home, so they keep them there." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)



Bet on it: Want all the inside information before this weekend's Preakness? Go to washingtonpost.com/sports for race analysis and video of Big Brown's practices.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA PLAYOFFS (8 P.M. ON ESPN) The defending-champion Spurs are on the ropes, down 3-2 to the Hornets. But they've won both of the games in San Antonio.

NHL PLAYOFFS (7:30 P.M. ON VERSUS) The Penguins can close out the Flyers in four games with a win at Philadelphia.

NATIONALS (1 P.M. ON MASN) The Nationals wrap up their series in New York with an afternoon game against the Mets at Shea Stadium.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: JOHJIMA, KENDALL, SOTO AND MARTIN

Best Bets: After a slow start, Dodgers backstop **RUSSELL MARTIN** has come around to the tune of a .376 batting average with three homers, two stolen bases and 11 RBI in the past month. Cubs rookie catcher **GEOVANY SOTO** is showing why trading for Jason Kendall last season was a huge mistake. He has 26 RBI and six homers, which is more than the total of all of Kendall's homers going back to 2005. The Rockies' **CHRIS IANNETTA** has been toiling in mediocrity for a few years, but the 25-year-old is now hitting .328 with three homers and 14 RBI.

Not a Chance: Houston's rookie **J. R. TOWLES** will probably be good one day, but right now, his .157 batting average stinks. He does have four homers, so all is not lost if you drafted him early. Seattle's **KENJI JOHJIMA** (.228 average, one homer) would likely be nervous about stud prospect Jeff Clement's coming to the majors, but Clement is doing nothing either. **JASON KENDALL**, currently catching for Milwaukee, has a decent enough batting average (.283), but he'll do nothing else for you fantasy-wise. SCOTT A. ROSENBERG



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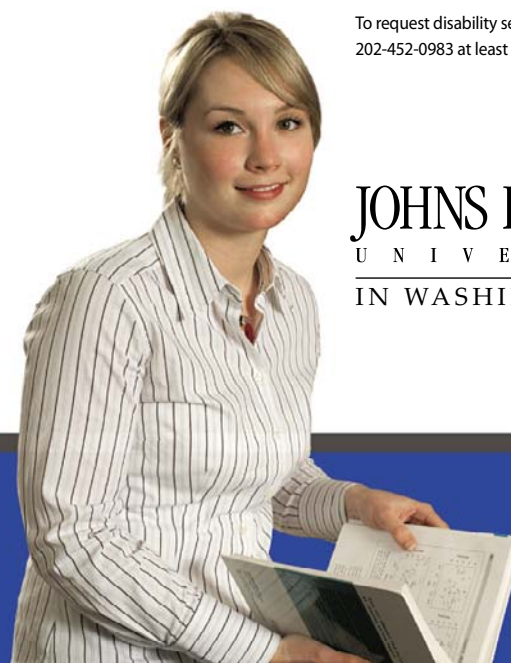
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LASTING | On May 14, 1998, there were riots in Indonesia, Cannes was under way, the Dow had made up for some losses, Continental slashed air fares, and later that night, Frank Sinatra died at 82.

But for most of us — at least the 79 million people who watched — one memory endures.

A perfect storm of hype and unmet expectations, the “Seinfeld” finale — that silly trial scene, remember? — remains a watershed moment in popular culture.

Why? Reasonable question.

Other hits have gone in the intervening years, such as “Friends” and “Everybody Loves Raymond.” Cultural Solomons such as Entertainment Weekly devoted many issues to them, as well.

Plus, over those years, we survived the reality boom. The sitcom was declared dead and the drama reborn. The Internet gathered force, then revolutionized TV (and everything else). With the exception of “The Simpsons,” everything on TV changed, but “Seinfeld’s” last day



FUNNY IS FOREVER: Who knew this gang of misfits would provide endless laughs?

still seems like yesterday.

Here’s why: “Seinfeld” was often an indisputably great situation comedy and, as the years wore on, continued to wear well — a welcome fate denied other titans in the quest of rerun eternity (such as, say, “Friends”).

Estelle Harris (who played George’s mother, Estelle Costanza) said recently, “It’s getting more and more popular because there’s a whole new generation that has become interested in the show from the repeats. Younger and younger people are stopping me

on the streets saying, ‘You’re just like my mother.’”

“Luck” is another word you hear from veterans of the show, as if the normally malevolent gods of prime time were on a nine-year lunch break over those years, ensuring its survival. “I guess I felt really lucky, but I also felt like part of a family, which happens when you’re on a show for so long,” says veteran stage and TV actress Liz Sheridan, Jerry Seinfeld’s TV mother, Helen. “It didn’t surprise me that we were so successful, because we were so good.” VERNE GAY (NEWSDAY)

Album of Surprising Darkness

MUSIC | Making the jump from an indie label to a major one can spell disaster, and many a fan heralded the demise of Death Cab for Cutie after its unfairly criticized Atlantic debut, 2005’s “Plans.”

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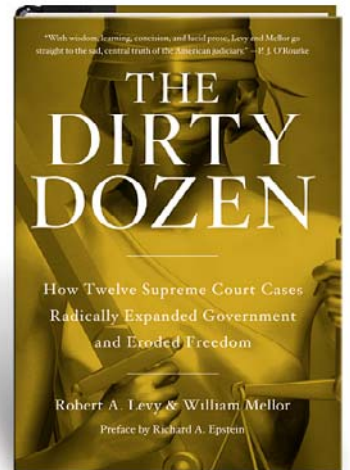


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TWICE A FOOL: The comedy "Surfer, Dude," starring Matthew McConaughey as a soul-searching surfer who's experiencing an existential crisis, is set for a summer release. Sounds about as thrilling as his last flick, "Fool's Gold." What gives, McConaughey?

Entertainment

The British Invasion

This time, artists of the gentler sex are leading the charge

FEMME ROCK | Singer Duffy sits next to a clear blue swimming pool on a hotel rooftop patio, the sun setting behind her blond bouffant. She takes a sip of her drink, widens her blue eyes and grins.

"Just like the movies!" she exclaims about the setting — repeating a waiter's observation.

It all does seem just like the movies, and a long journey for an ambitious gal raised in a tiny town in North Wales and who now lives in London.

The 23-year-old Duffy is one of

several young female singers from the United Kingdom descending on the United States.

Amy Winehouse, whose double-platinum U.S. debut "Back to Black" album won five Grammys earlier this year, and fellow London crooner Lily Allen's critically acclaimed debut, "Alright, Still," may have jump-started this so-called British invasion. But Duffy and others such as chart-topper Leona Lewis, Adele, Kate Nash, Laura Marling, Estelle and Amy MacDonald are mapping out their own paths from Europe to the United States, and the women are all unique.

Still, some have dubbed them the "new Amys."



MISS SIXTIES: Very vintage Duffy fits the new hot bill: young, British and female.

To that, Duffy says, "I prefer to be not known than to be known as something completely wrong."

Lewis has had the most success in the post-Winehouse era: Her debut album, "Spirit," debuted at the top of the charts in March and is nearing platinum status, and her song "Bleeding Love" became the first by a British female to top Billboard's Hot 100 chart in 21 years.

Singer-songwriter Adele has gained fans for her bluesy voice and unabashed curves: Her debut CD, "19," a platinum-selling album in Britain, is due out here in June.

Krissi Murison, deputy editor of British magazine New Music Express, said attention paid to these women, and female-fronted British bands such as the Duke Spirit and the Ting Tings, is growing.

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Families

Stay-at-home fathers are more common but still outnumbered

Mike Biewenga, a stay-at-home dad for the last four years, noticed something funny when he took his daughter to story time at a nearby library. Gathered around the reader in a circle, mothers sat farther from him than from other moms.

"There was a gap, then me, then a gap, then the rest of the circle," says Biewenga, 33, of Arlington Heights, Ill. "And, I mean, I shave, I comb my hair. I'm a normal-looking guy."

And when Gregory Keer, a Los-Angeles area high school teacher, took his kids to a park get-together once during his years as a stay-at-home dad, he recalls himself hanging on the sidelines, staying away from the main conversation, because he was "not one of the girls."

This Father's Day, there will be about 159,000 stay-at-home dads across the country and 5.6 million stay-at-home moms, according to the most recent U.S. Census Bureau figures, which are from 2006. The numbers don't include single fathers, many of whom work part time, and those with kids over 15. Still, it's a small number compared to the moms. And while it's grown slightly each of the past few years, so has the number of moms.

But things have evolved, at least in terms of attitudes. Many stay-at-home dads say they feel their lifestyle choice, whether made of desire or economic necessity, is accepted much more now by friends, relatives, colleagues and strangers — even envied — than it would have been only a few years ago.

"I've had guys tell me privately

that they wish they could do the same thing," says Rick Walker, 50, who's spent a dozen years as a stay-at-home dad to Nicole and Chloe, now 14 and 12, respectively, in Southlake, Texas. "But they don't know how to broach it with their wives."

Yet many also speak of a different problem: a sense of isolation in a world where mothers have their coffee dates and group playdates, but fathers often plan activities alone, or find themselves sitting on the bench, speaking on their cell phones or conversing only with their kids at playgrounds and birthday parties.

"It is kind of a lonelier experience," Keer says. He recalls that it was his wife who arranged that park get-together, and assigned him to bring brownies, though he was the primary caregiver. "For me, it would have felt gender-inappropriate," he says.

For Biewenga, the isolation was a reason to create his own community of dads — AtHomeDad.org, where about 10,000 visitors per month, he says, swap stories and seek advice.

"Just wondering if anyone of you have had experience or have tried using the pull-up diapers," a current post reads, signed Bob the Family Guy. The site also advertises the 13th annual at-home dads convention later this year.

Biewenga, who squeezed in a chat with a reporter during nap time for his two kids, found that at first, "I was going nuts being at home by myself." The exclusionary behavior from some moms — certainly not all, for he has many mom friends — didn't help.

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MR. MOM: Bob Hurley, a stay-at-home dad for about seven years, spends time with his son, Connor, 9, in New Milford, Conn.

Domestic Dads



Dad Bob Hurley coaches his son's baseball team in New Milford, Conn.

"I've had guys tell me privately that they wish they could do the same thing."

RICK WALKER, STAY-AT-HOME DAD

At playgrounds, he notes, "You can be with your kid playing in the sand, and a mom will come and scoop up her kid. It doesn't happen every time. But I guess that image is there, of a guy at a playground who's a child molester."

Some fathers, like Adam Keeble of Allendale, N.J., feel they're accepted easily into their town's community of mothers.

As the lone stay-at-home dad with a British accent in the local park, he said, so many mothers would say "Hi, Adam" that he had to keep a book to remember names. He also has no trouble, he says, organizing playdates at his house.

Keeble, an aspiring novelist who's been home for five years, says the frustration of the job is similar to what a mother might experience.

"It's the best job in the world, except when it isn't," he says. "On a sunny day with the kids playing in the sand, it's great. But then there's the miserable February day when they look at me and say, 'Well, now what?' And, well, it's only reruns of 'Dora.'" JOCELYN NOVECK (AP)

Green Space Invaders

Agriculture

Customs officers stop travelers from taking home foreign plants

Gardeners are fond of purchasing promising plant specimens while traveling a-broad — a few seed packets here, some live stem cuttings there. But many are surprised when those prized collectibles are weeded out and dumped upon their return.

Customs and Homeland Security officers are looking for prohibited plant materials, meat, poultry and animal by-products that could pose long-term economic or ecological threats to the nation's agriculture industry.

Many of those plant materials conceal insects or diseases that are relatively benign on their home turf but could become troublesome when introduced into new surroundings with no natural defenses.

"A lot of pathogens we don't



The Japanese beetle is thought to have been carried into the U.S. around 1916.

know are going to become problems until they're established in the environment," said Bill Ale, a senior import specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspec-

tion Service. "Then they come up on our radar screen and they're already displacing native flora and fauna."

On a typical day in 2007, Customs and Border Protection agents

Folks that go and visit another country may see a plant they like and take some cuttings."

BILL ALEY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

inspected 251,000 incoming international air travelers, 74,100 passengers and crew arriving by ship, and 304,000 people returning to the United States via privately owned vehicles.

In the process, they seized 4,296 prohibited meat or plant materials, including 164 agricultural pests at ports of entry, officials said.

"That's a very important mission for this agency, although it's not as visible," said Erlinda Byrd, a spokeswoman for the Department of Homeland Security. "The most effective way to stop diseases and pests from destroying our natural resources is to keep them from

coming in."

So, what's the harm in returning home with just a few tiny seeds or plants? In a word: plenty.

"Each year, invasive species are estimated to cost the United States \$120 billion in control efforts and environmental and economic damage," the Nature Conservancy said in a recent study about plant screening systems.

"Folks that go and visit another country may see a plant they like and take some cuttings," Aley said. "Or they'll gather some grapevines and put them in their baggage."

The result? Something like the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter bugs that Aley said have established a sizable population in California's vineyards, eating grapes and passing on disease.

"Sometimes the problem isn't as much the bugs as it is the diseases the bugs bring to the environment," he said.

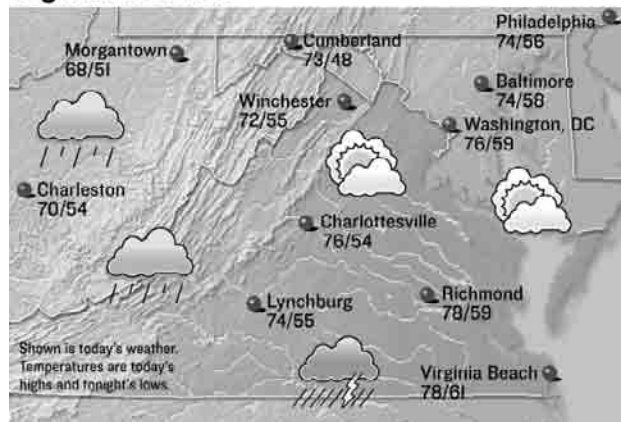
Soils can also harbor many diseases or pests that might get loose and wipe out entire gardens and crops, said Leonard Perry, a herbaceous perennials specialist with the University of Vermont Extension and a frequent tour group leader.

"Personally, I wouldn't want to think I might have been responsible for the next big pest or diseases of food or forests due to bringing in plants," Perry said. DEAN FOSDICK (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
76°	59°	68° / 50°	72° / 53°	66° / 50°	70° / 54°

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Normal year to date	13.99"

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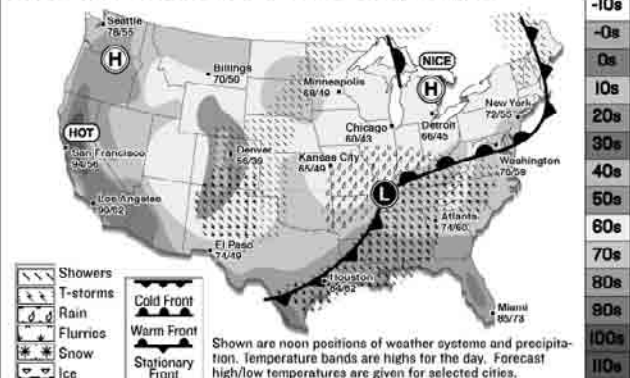
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny. High 76. Wind northwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, cloudy, rain late. Low 59. Wind southeast 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:55 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:14 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:20 p.m.
Moonset today	3:25 a.m.



National Weather for Thursday, May 15



National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	74/60/t	74/54/t
Boston	62/49/c	61/49/r
Chicago	60/43/pc	63/52/pc
Dallas	73/55/pc	77/57/s
Denver	56/39/sh	69/47/s
Honolulu	82/72/pc	86/71/pc
Los Angeles	90/62/s	98/64/s
Miami	85/73/s	90/73/s
New York City	72/55/pc	59/50/r
Orlando	89/68/s	93/68/s
Seattle	78/55/s	91/54/s

World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	68/50/sh	63/50/r
Athens	73/59/pc	78/62/s
Berlin	73/50/pc	64/45/r
Buenos Aires	73/57/s	68/55/pc
Calgary	78/48/s	78/51/s
Dublin	61/46/pc	59/45/pc
Geneva	70/54/r	66/54/t
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Sydney	73/57/pc	72/57/c
Tokyo	70/55/s	70/57/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

Styles

LOOKout



↑ While Candie's Shariee shoes (\$35) are cute, don't even think about wearing them with more madras.

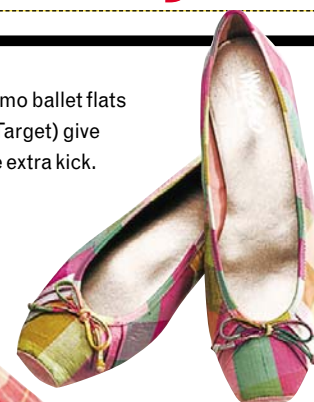
→ This peachy frock by Brooks Brothers (\$168) calls for tan, sun-kissed skin tones.



← A cotton canvas bucket bag by American Eagle Outfitters (\$35) is so bright and busy, it will pull attention away from the mess of lipstick, pens and receipts inside.



→ Mossimo ballet flats (\$20, Target) give outfits a little extra kick.



↙ This patchwork driving cap (\$30, J. Crew) just begs to be worn while steering a catamaran in Annapolis.



Fashion



Now You Can Be Paris

Seriously, Paris, what happened to saving the world? You talked about helping Rwanda and turning over a new leaf when you got sprung from the joint. Oh, how quickly one forgets! Your latest venture sounds as genuine as you are! She's working with Sally Beauty Supply to launch **CLIPIN-GO BY PARIS HILTON** (Parisandsally.com). Made of 100 percent Modacrylic Fiber, the 18-inch hair extensions come in 10 shades and cost \$80. So not hot. KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)

Fashion



Clean Out Your Closet

Want hip threads but don't feel like paying \$200 for an Anthropologie frock? Greenloop (Thegreenloop.com) is here to help. The eco-retailer has teamed up with celeb stylist Barbra Horowitz to launch the **RESHIRT CUTTING CONTEST**. Find an old T-shirt and turn it into something fab. There's only one catch: Contestants can't sew, dye or use silkscreens to achieve a haute look. Only tying and cutting are allowed. Prizes include a Horowitz consult and gift certificates. Entries are due by midnight Friday, so cut to it! k.c.

Madras Moment

The preppy plaid is popping up this spring on purses, tops

Madras plaid, the preppy staple, conjures images of clambakes on the Cape and touch football on Martha's Vineyard. But this spring, the breezy fabric is having a fashion moment, turning up on everything from retro nerd, short-sleeve men's shirts to string bikinis.

The dyed cotton originated in Madras, India (now called Chennai), in the 1800s, where it was inspired by the Scottish tartans of the regiments occupying the land.

Loosely woven cotton was transformed with vegetable dyes into plaids, checks and stripes that were instantly popular in the warm climate. When the British left India, they took madras with them, and it was soon embraced by the country club set on both sides

of the Atlantic.

More recently, madras has been reinvented by avant-garde designers such as Vivienne Westwood and Rei Kawakubo. They used the fabric in their runway collections as commentary on the notion of empire.

Now, madras is all over the place, in chain stores as well as designer boutiques. Jean Touitou, designer of cult French label APC, was so inspired by a trip to India that he and another designer, Jessica Ogden, started a collection under the APC label named Madras. It includes madras plaid pieces as well as other lightweight summer essentials, all manufactured in India.

If you're not up for head-to-toe plaid, there are plenty of madras accessories too.

Italian shoe line Superga has casual sneakers in frayed pink

and yellow madras. Or for a more dressed-up look, Mossimo for Target offers a sleek madras ballet flat.

For men, Jack Spade offers a spiffy yellow madras necktie, J. Crew has a madras plaid driving cap and Sperry's classic Top-Sider is available in several madras color combinations.

Mall anchor American Eagle Outfitters has embraced the rainbow-bright fabric, too, splashing it on espadrilles, slouchy hobo bags and colorful bikinis. Old Navy has a button-down tank dress in an earthier, more worn-in madras. Wrinkles give the piece more character, so it packs easily and travels well.

That's the great thing about madras. It ages well, faded by sun and sea — or the washing machine.

MELISSA MAGSAYSAY (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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IDOL CHATTER

Dynamic Duo

It's down to two. The third runner-up officially got the boot on "American Idol" last night, and now just two contestants remain to battle it out during the season finale. Did the right hopeful go home? And who will take the "Idol" title? Express' Greg Barber has a recap and analysis. | [COMING UP](#)



BAGGAGE CHECK

Holy Matrimony!

Celebrities seem to know a lot about marriage—in fact, many of them have experienced the ceremony multiple times. Dr. Andrea takes a look at some famous folks' recent statements about matrimony and how they reflect evolving cultural attitudes. | [COMING UP](#)



HAIL TO THE CHEF

To Your Health

This week on "Top Chef Chicago," the final seven will have to part with their foie gras, egg yolks and butter to focus on the healthy. Express' Karmah Elmusa gives the skinny on whether they can stand time apart from their favorite fatty goodies. | [COMING UP](#)



comment board

“Keeping [Kling]

Road closed just keeps more cars on other roads, thus making [those] more congested and [keeping] the traffic moving slower.”

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER, WHO ADDED, “WITH ALL THE ROAD CONGESTION IN THIS CITY, WE NEED EVERY BIT OF ROAD WE CAN GET.”

“Oh, but of course I

support the decision to keep Kling Road closed. Those of us with money simply cannot have cars driving through our neighborhood.”

COMMENTER THURSTON HOWELL III, WHO ADDED, “IT'S SO MUCH NICER WHERE WE LIVE. EAT CAKE, YOU PEASANTS!”



“I guess we see where the mayor and [D.C. Council] get their bread buttered — by the rich folks in Northwest [who] don't want cars driving in their private stretch of park.”

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER, RESPONDING TO WEDNESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “DO YOU AGREE WITH THE DISTRICT'S DECISION TO KEEP KLING ROAD CLOSED TO CARS?”

poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

DO YOU AGREE WITH THE DISTRICT'S DECISION TO KEEP KLING ROAD CLOSED TO CARS?

51%
YES

49%
NO

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Discussions

Training Your Dog

LAURA SHARKEY, owner and training director of Woofs! Dog Training Center, was online Wednesday to take questions about the behavior and learning abilities of dogs.

We have our 2-year-old beagle in training, but after having had her for two months (a rescue), we are unsure of how to tell her “no,” like when she jumps up on us, is chewing something she shouldn't be, etc. What is an effective way to do that without being physical? The best way of telling her not

to do something is to prevent her from doing what it is, and then if she does do it, follow it up with a non-physical consequence. One of my favorite tools is a timeout. A few seconds in a room alone can make a powerful point. No need to yell or get angry.

I'm bringing home a puppy in five weeks and am trying to prepare. I've lined up a dog walker, but how often should she or he come over to let the puppy out of her crate?

The general rule for crating during the day is the pup can be in the crate for as many hours as it is months old plus one. That's a complicated way of saying a 3-month-old puppy can go four hours, a

4-month-old puppy five hours, etc. Of course, each pup is different, and if you find your pup is soiling the crate between walks, you might need to increase the number of walks until he can hold it longer.

What do you think of those shock collars for behavioral control?

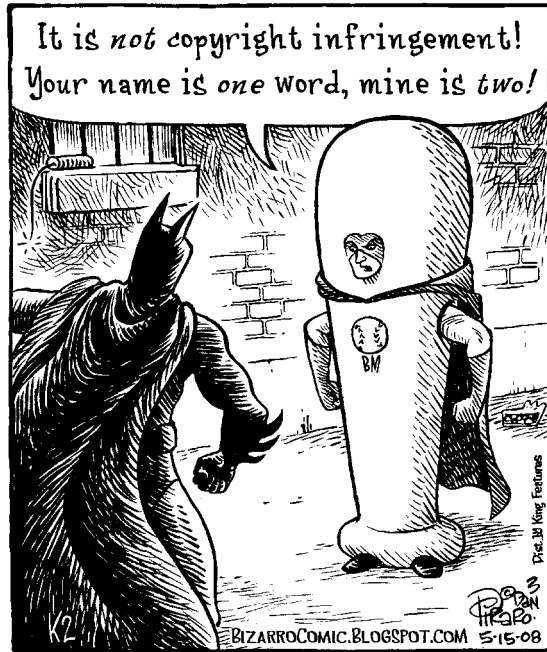
No way. Causing a dog physical pain from an electric shock borders on barbaric, as far as I'm concerned. If you don't HAVE to use pain to train a dog, why would you? There are so many better ways.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:

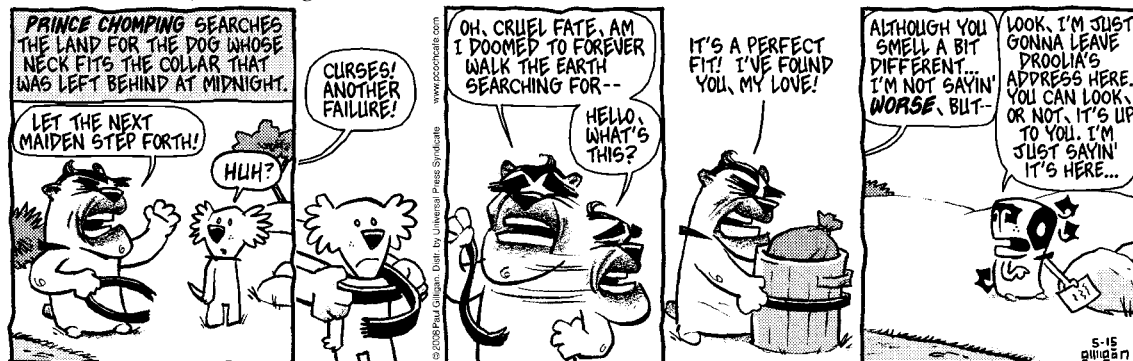
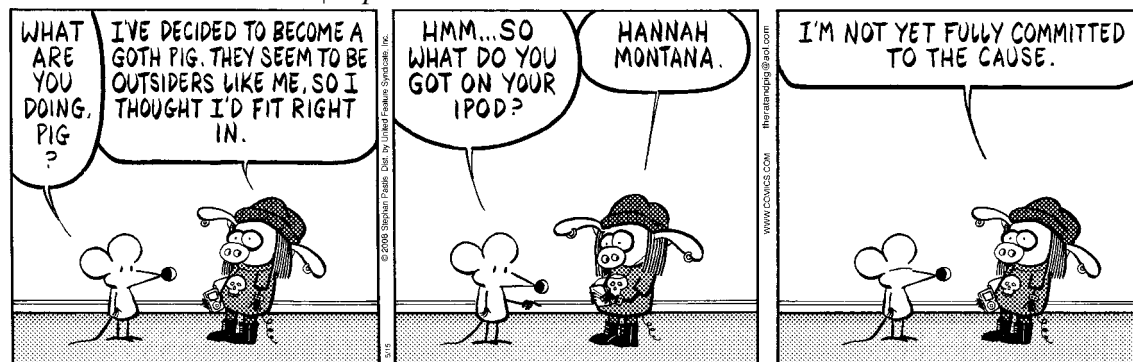
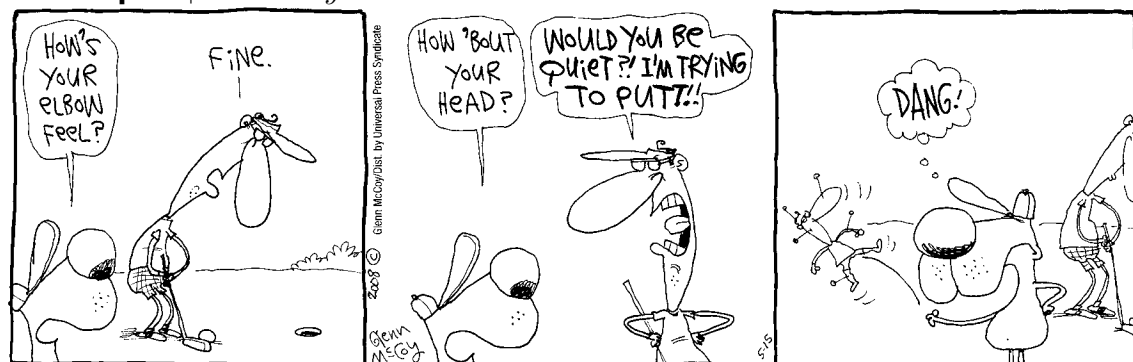
Home staffer Liz Seymour and professional organizer Caitlin Shear explain how to tidy up an attic at 1 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

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GET SOME HELP FOR YOUR STARTUP BUSINESS, VIRGINIANS. Gov. Tim Kaine on Tuesday announced the launch of the state's online business formation portal called Business One Stop. The site helps streamline the process to start a business in Virginia. Go to Virginia.gov/bos for more.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


"They're still ticked off about losing the cost-of-living allowance."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may not be the first to know the difference between truth and falsehood, so be willing to trust a close friend or loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll enjoy doing things with a loved one, but make a concerted effort not to be disagreeable when time seems short.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A few minor setbacks may have you concerned, but you're not likely to experience anything to threaten your future success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) That which is most fun and exciting may not be the best choice for you. When in doubt, steer clear of anything that might be reckless.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) That which was lost can be regained. All you have to do is focus squarely on your primary needs, and work consistently with those in mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll enjoy a strong, undeniable attraction to one who seems to be completely opposite

from you in every way. Explore the possibilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your lively, enthusiastic approach to even the most mundane events can win you more than the usual, expected results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Difficult issues will be illuminated, but what you see may be different from the perceptions of others. Interpretation is the key.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Focus on details, but don't lose sight of the big picture. You will find yourself in charge of something that may soon be successful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take care of the interests of others, and your own are sure to follow. Only by giving will you be in a position to receive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Try not to be so self-involved, and your eyes will very likely be opened to numerous options and opportunities you haven't yet seen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You cannot change what you do not fully understand, and you have yet to put enough energy into something or someone to do this. Work at it.



Arthur Bremer is taken into custody moments after shooting George Wallace in 1972.

Today in History

1918 U.S. airmail begins service among Washington, Philadelphia and New York.

1930 Registered nurse Ellen Church, the first flight attendant, goes on duty aboard a flight operated by Boeing Air Transport.

1948 Hours after declaring its independence, the new state of Israel is attacked by Transjordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

1972 George C. Wallace is shot by Arthur Bremer and left paralyzed while campaigning in Laurel, Md., for the Democratic presidential nomination.

1988 The Soviet Union begins the process of withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan, more than eight years after Soviet forces entered the country.

2007 The Rev. Jerry Falwell, who built the Christian right into a political force, dies at age 73.



ANDREW TEEBAY-POOL/GETTY IMAGES

"Should I have driven it to England?"

TOUGH LIFE

'First, I Marry that Miserable Woman, and Now This!'

Former Beatle **PAUL MCCARTNEY** has long been an outspoken advocate of environmental causes and animal rights. He is a vegetarian who won't even wear leather shoes. But now he's being criticized for having a hybrid Japanese car (a Lexus) flown to him in Britain rather than having it sent by ship. (AP)

ACTIVISM

Quaid Tells Congress About Twins' Brush With Death

DENNIS QUAID told Congress on Wednesday of a harrowing, near-fatal drug mix-up in which his newborn twins were administered 1,000 times the normal dose of a blood thinner. The 54-year-old actor said his family's brush with tragedy underscores the need to hold pharmaceutical companies accountable through lawsuits. About 7,000 Americans die every year from medication errors. (AP)



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AHHH!

Jolie-Pitt World Takeover a Reality

ANGELINA JOLIE is indeed expecting twins, and it was Jack Black who let the news slip with a "Brady Bunch" crack. Long rumored to have two children by Brad Pitt on the way, Jolie confirmed the news during a side-by-side "Today" show interview with Black, her "Kung Fu Panda" co-star. The twins will be the fifth and sixth children for Jolie and Pitt. She didn't volunteer the information until Black dropped the hint, joking that the couple will "have as many as [the] 'Brady Bunch' when you have these." (AP)



SUUURE We're on to This 'Music' Excuse, Amy

AMY WINEHOUSE

will not face charges over video footage that allegedly shows her taking drugs, her spokesman said Wednesday. Police questioned the Grammy-winning soul diva for nine hours last week over a January video that appears to show her smoking a pipe usually used for crack cocaine dur-

"I'm real serious about dis rehab ting, aiight?"

ing a party at her north London home. Spokesman Chris Goodman said police had finished their investigation and confirmed no charges would be brought against the 24-year-old singer. "Amy is pleased to be able to move on and concentrate on music," he said in a statement. (AP)



MARK J. TERRILL

In the .02 second the cameras weren't on Britney, she demolished a small town.

REPEAT

'Oops! Looks Like I Did It Again, Y'All. On Camera'

Another **BRITNEY SPEARS** fender-bender, another instant online video. Paparazzi had their cameras rolling when the pop star's white Mercedes-Benz coupe rear-ended a red Ford Explorer Tuesday in Beverly Hills. The video, posted on TMZ.com, shows Spears in the driver's seat. Spears covers her mouth with her hand after she realizes she has hit the car in front of her. (AP)

POOR GUY

September Is Already 'Kick AI While He's Down Month'

AL REYNOLDS, the soon-to-be ex-husband of Star Jones Reynolds, posted a 485-word rant on MySpace and Facebook on Tuesday. "If you think you are having a tough day, I propose you walk in my shoes for a few hours," reads the opening line. "In my mind, it feels like 'Dump on Al Month.'" (AP)



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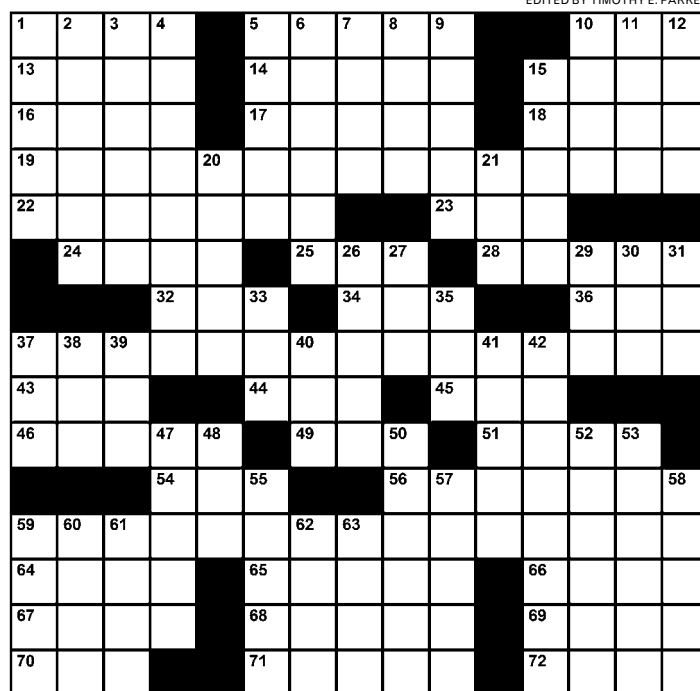
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22 Case for an attorney
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65 Physical strength
66 11 to 20, for some counters
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69 Italian wine-producing city
70 Beaver project
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2 Cancels, as a moonshot
3 Biblical tribesman
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5 Reluctant
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7 CD problem
8 River from the Vosges Mountains
9 Welles of the Mercury Theatre
10 "Good buddy" on the road
11 Qualifying race
12 Whirlpool
15 Aids in dirty deeds
20 Sound made explosively
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26 Stan's chum
27 Die spot
29 Chinese "way"
30 Former French coin
31 Animated chihuahua
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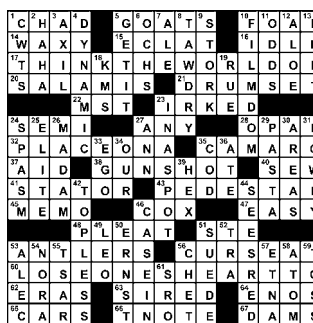
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Yesterday's Solution



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Yesterday's Solution

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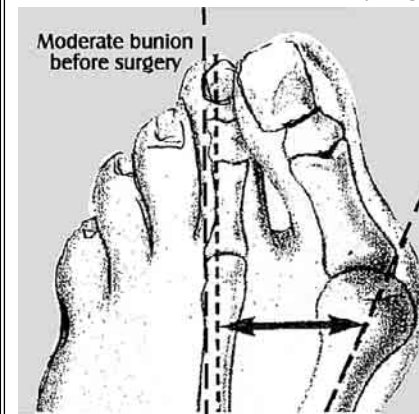
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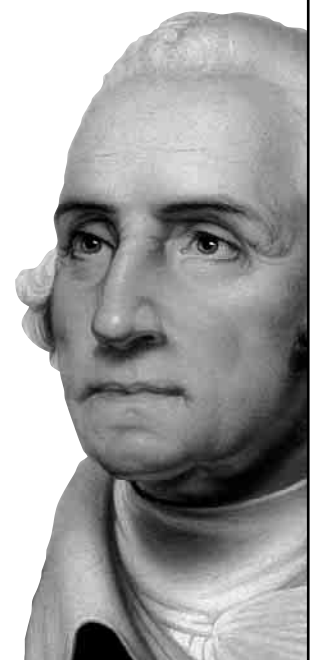
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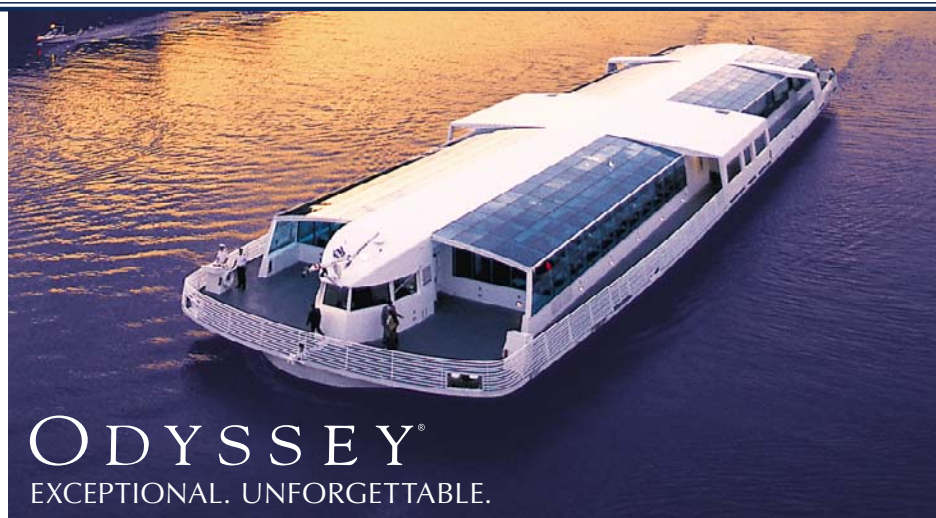
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✱ **NAME:** Vijai Nathan
GIG: Indian-American comedian

IT'S TEATIME IN the 'burbs, and two dainty women in saris are throwing down. "My Lakshmi has multiple houses, in Delhi, London, Paris and Manhattan," the first says smugly. The second counters, "Yes, well, Veena has multiple ... multiple orgasms."

The victor is comedian Vijai Nathan's ultra-conservative mother, and the short film, "Chai Noon," is a glimpse of the deadpan humor Nathan turns on matters of family, sex and growing up as a good Hindu girl with a weakness for McDonald's. Nathan's new one-woman show, "McGoddess: Big Macs, Karma, & the American Dream," comes to the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Saturday.

You grew up in a community where you were one of few minorities. How

did that influence your early experiences with performing?

I grew up in Gaithersburg and Potomac. My school was mostly white and mostly Jewish. I really wanted to fit in, so I tried out for all the plays and musicals. I got my first break in the fourth grade, when I was cast as Martin Luther King. Later, in a musical about oral hygiene, I was cast as tooth decay.

How has the reaction to your acts been from the Indian community?

When I started out [in 1996], I wanted to get Indians to come see me, but it was really hard. ... Other Indians couldn't conceive of an Indian girl doing this. I'd say I was going to have a show and they'd be, like, "Oh, are you going to dance? You're just going to talk?"

Now there are more Indian comedians. Vidur Kapur, who is Indian and gay — I've done shows



SURESH MANJANATH

The "McGoddess" juggles a love for Big Macs and loyalty to her Hindu roots.

with him. And then there's Russell Peters. He's been doing stand-up for about 18 years.

Your first one-woman show, "Good Girls Don't, But Indian Girls Do," dealt with your family. What about your new show?

My new show deals a lot with race, religion and beliefs. My mother is a very superstitious Hindu; my

dad was an atheist or an agnostic, depending on the day. My sister is a born-again Christian. Growing up, we were very Hindu. We would go to temple, and as soon as we left the temple we would secretly go to McDonald's and eat Big Macs. I asked my mom, "How can we be Hindu and eat beef?" She'd say, "The cow is sacred, the bull is not. And McDonald's is pure bull."

"When I started out, I wanted to get Indians to come see me, but it was really hard."

You joke about your mom a lot. Do you get compared to Margaret Cho?

We are both women, non-white women, talking about our families, but every comic talks about their family. The comedians I most wanted to be like as a kid were Eddie Murphy and Chris Rock. They invited me into these worlds which were totally foreign to me, and I couldn't believe how they made me feel so connected to them. **SHAUNA MILLER**

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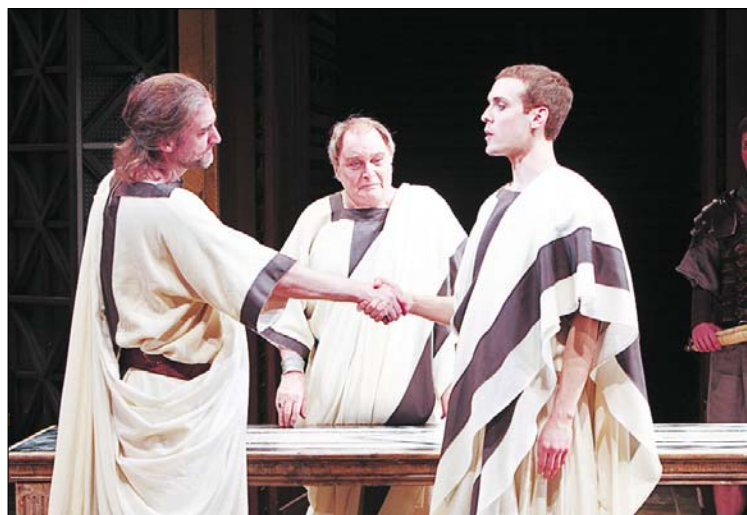
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Love makes an asp out of everyone on 'Antony & Cleopatra'

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Mark Antony (Andrew Long) and Octavius Caesar (Aubrey K. Deeker) shake on it.

from a tomb painting surround them. Antony, the formerly heroic warrior, wears a Grateful Dead-esque ponytail and seems content

to ignore news from Rome. But as anyone who has taken World History 101 knows, big boss Octavius Caesar isn't pleased about this

arrangement. It's Caesar — played here as a simpering kid by Aubrey K. Deeker — and his attempts to call Antony back to the fold and the battlefield who sends Romeo and Juliet's grown-up counterparts on their course with destiny.

Antony's arranged marriage to Caesar's sister, as well as a brief military alliance, put him and Octavius back in each other's courts, briefly. But the pull of Cleopatra, who has become winningly unhinged in her boyfriend's absence, draws Antony back to Egypt.

It's there that this overwhelming love and strategic hubris prove the pairs' undoing. But even as we watch their missteps, we marvel at how this grown-up-yet-amorous relationship and the roadblocks it encounters, makes them both grow into not only better human beings, but bigger legends.

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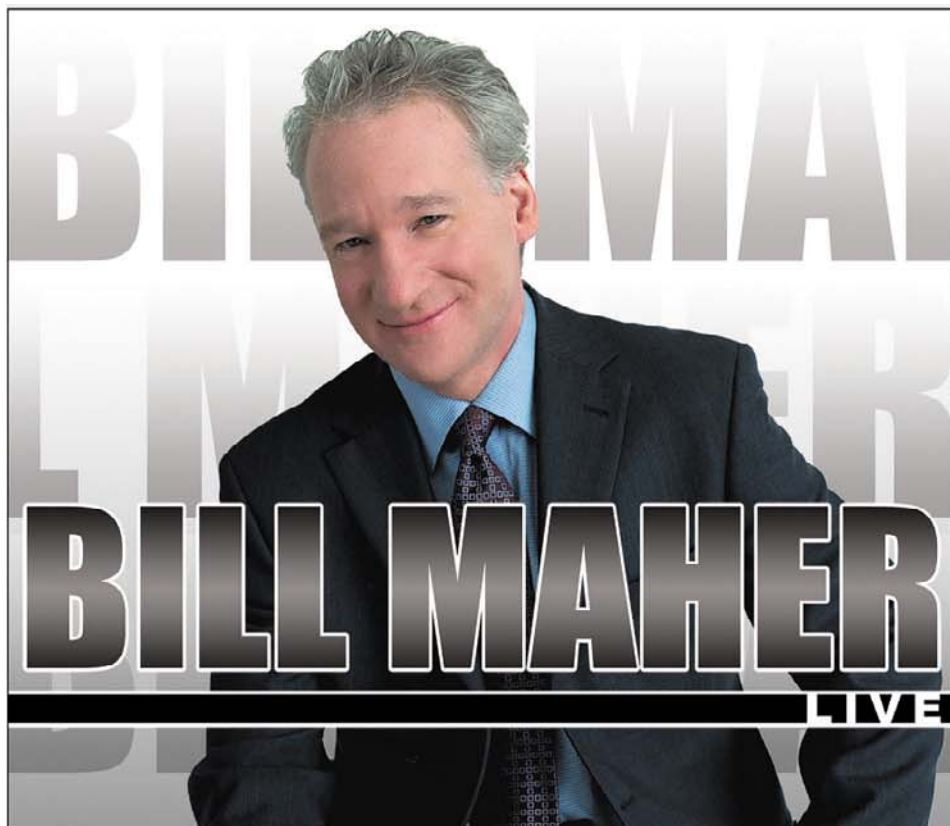
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As a soloist, System of a Down's Tankian questions reality

MUSIC | Aside from raw political fervor, one of the things that sets System of a Down apart from the host of nu-metal also-rans was the Armenian-American quartet's defiantly non-Western sound. But when asked to get all music-theoretical on it, the guy behind some of the most distinctive hard-rock harmonies since Alice in Chains shrugs it off.

"I try to get on scales that don't make me look fat," Serj Tankian deadpans. "I have no idea, 'cause I've never studied music. I really just do whatever comes naturally to me."

Though born in Beirut, he doesn't dwell on his songs' Middle Eastern vibe: "I think it's more in my voice than in my music, to be honest, kind of like a deep melancholy that comes from the Old World with an optimism that comes from the New."

The words he pens are a similar no-go. Here's an odd bit from "The Unthinking Majority," the

System's Down

"We're so addicted to the concept of civilization that we can't imagine living 'outside' this city called civilization."

SERJ TANKIAN, SOLO ARTIST

second track off Tankian's solo debut, "Elect the Dead": "Antidepressants/Controlling tools of your system/Making life more tolerable/Making life more tolerable." There's no mistaking the critical tone, but is he pulling a Tom Cruise?

Apparently, the antidepressants Tankian tackles needn't come from CVS. "I usually like leaving lyrics pretty much open to interpretation," he replies. "When you ask me a question in terms of what I think about life or civilization or whatnot, I respond pretty openly.

But when it comes to lyrics, I kinda like having the listener internalize it and live with it and decide what it means. Because over the years I've realized that, just like music, lyrics don't necessarily solely belong to the songwriter. They come from somewhere else, from beyond us, in terms of inspiration. And sometimes the meaning is elusive even to the person who wrote it."

Still, many of the fans drawn to the 9:30 Club Thursday will be there for Tankian's sharp-tongued point of view. He's on record as thinking that

globally we've reached a dead end: "We're so addicted to the concept of civilization that we can't imagine living 'outside' this city called civilization. What would happen if civilization crashed? No one ever says that."

He decries the tendency to think of war, global warming, population growth and the consumption of natural resources as separate issues. "I always see the new world as a more local type of world," he says. "I don't see large cities. I see very small communes. I see naturally produced energy. I see naturally and locally grown organic food. I see a very beautiful, modern community that still utilizes a high amount of technology but lives in a very plain type of way."

What's perhaps weirdest about our conversation is that the voluble yet somehow easygoing Tankian never comes off defeated. Knowing he doesn't have all the answers doesn't keep the questions from rocking like hell.

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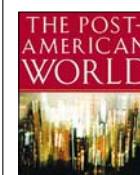
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MUSIC | "I was a guy who told people that Fugazi was my favorite band for a lot of years," says David Brown, best known as utility percussionist with the Travis Morrison Hellfighters. So, how to explain his new soul-inflected project, Poor but Sexy?

"I was obsessed with R. Kelly," Brown says. "I tried to make some R. Kelly songs, basically. I literally tried to make what I thought sounded like R&B radio hits. But it didn't really turn out that way. People say it sounds like Steely Dan. There's a lot of '70s radio rock in there."

Then came a months-long job in Ukraine alongside former Disemberment Plan guitarist Jason Caddell. "I played him the demos, and he offered to work on one song and record them. So, I recruited the rest of the guys." Those guys being longtime hotshots of the D.C. scene:



LIVING ON NOTHING BUT SOUL: Poor but Sexy stands out in the D.C. music scene with its original soul-infused indie sound.

keyboardist David Durst, Brandon Kalber on bass and drummer Bruce Falconer. This equals a lot of chops in one room.

That room is Caddell's basement studio. "The recordings turned out good and people seemed to like it. So, we recorded a bunch more at

Inner Ear," aka the studio Dischord Records all but built.

But Brown's accomplished vocals are a far cry from the martial shouts

D.C.'s Poor but Sexy isn't R. Kelly, but they still sound good on this end.

of "Repeater." Or the de rigeur indie rock whine. "When I sing, I do have classic R&B in mind," he says, "copying Otis Redding and that."

Brown is ambivalent about the dog-and-pony show of finding a label, generating hype and touring until the wheels fall off. For now, PBS jams can be found at myspace.com/poorbutsexydc. But, says Brown, "I'd like to play every club in D.C. by the time the year is done," thus ripping a move from the local go-go playbook.

"There's a bit of a new-soul scene in D.C., and I'd like to hook up with them. I don't even know who they are. But there's a whole other world of people" beyond those raised on Fugazi, says Brown. "I would like to tap into that." **BOB MASSEY**

→ *Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Sun., 9 p.m. \$5; 703-525-8646, myspace.com/galaxyhut. (Clarendon)*

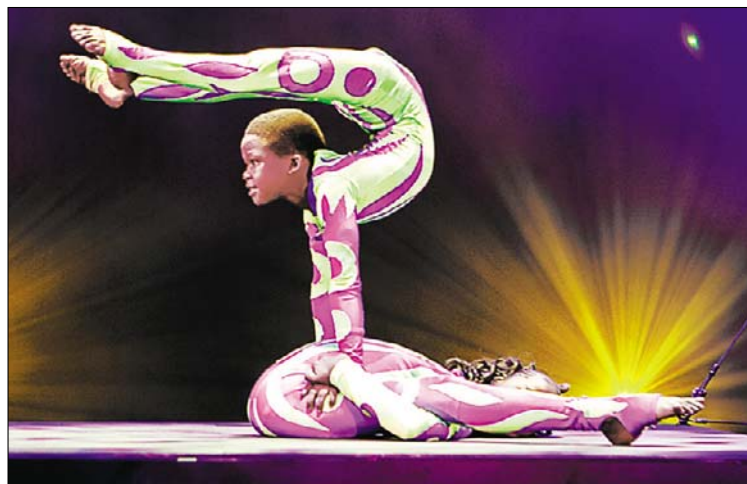
Entertainment With Attitude

Universoul ties in Black culture for a new type of circus

SPECTACLE | The circus is in town, and this time around, the big top has gone hip-hop. Universoul Circus, founded by Cedric Walker in 1994, is the first to be wholly owned by African-Americans. It also focuses on audience members as participants rather than solely as spectators.

Aided by a hip-hop and gospel soundtrack (none of those old-school calliopes here), Universoul Circus is also embellished with the ringmastering prowess of Tony Tone, who has opened for Chris Rock and toured with Def Comedy Jam.

"Being the ringmaster is like being an MC to the 10th power," he said.



STRETCH IT OUT: Contortionists "Twisted Soul" make being flexible look too easy.

"It's big, it's animated; the more color we can bring to it, we bring the house down."

The show incorporates international acts, including Chinese acrobats, contortionists from Guinea

and Russian swings.

"We present a cultural gumbo," said Tone. "This isn't your average circus. The theme of the tour is from the Zulu word jabulani — which means joy, laughter and happiness

— and it's all-inclusive."

Universoul's approach also requires that there not be a bad seat in the house; the farthest is a mere 50 feet from the action.

"Ours is an interactive circus," said Tone. "Not like interaction with the tigers, which would be pretty dangerous, but we invite people down between acts and make them a part of the show. There's dancing and even a competition between an old-school pair and a new-school pair where they serenade each other."

Also on hand are anything but your average pachyderms. "Oh, no. Our elephants are sassy," he said.

CHRIS CORREA

→ *Capital Plaza Mall, 6900 Annapolis Road., Landover Hills, Md., through June 6; \$15-26; universoulcircus.com.*

MUSIC | GRAND STAND



HANDSOME DEVIL: Country music cutie and Grand Ole Opry member Hal Ketchum teams his three-minute story-telling songs with Siobhan Quinn and Michael Bowers' folk and Celtic music Sunday at Ram's Head.

It's Black To Basics

Lewis Black returns to the Warner with a whole lot more to say

COMEDY | When the Clash sang “anger can be power,” they probably didn’t expect it to be wielded the way Lewis Black wields it. The Silver Spring native has made a stand-up career as a profanely angry everyman and keeps busy hosting Comedy Central’s “Root of All Evil.”

The premise: Judge Black hears testimony and rules which of two current objects d’hate is more evil. Recent “decisions” included Dick Cheney over Paris Hilton and Oprah over the Catholic Church.

“The great thing about the show is you can put up anything vs. anything,” says a [fairly mellow]

Black. “We had a board with a billion things, initially.”

Black’s prior trip home was not so mellow. His 2006 HBO special “Red, White, and Screwed” was moved to the Warner because the Kennedy Center objected to the profanity. “It’s not the [expletive] Jefferson Memorial; it’s a performing arts center,” he exclaims, noting the “giant chewing gum head of JFK” on display.

Speaking of local institutions, how about them Redskins? “Don’t change the name. Although, if it’s going to be lean times for 50 years, change it to the Washington Snyders, so we know who’s responsible.

“It’s hard enough to care about sports as you get older,” he continues. “They took away the Senators — twice!”



THE FUN IN FUNNY: Reppin’ Silver Sprung, no topic is off-limits for locally grown comedian Lewis Black, returning to the Warner for a four-day stint this week.

“It’s hard enough to care about sports as you get older.”

LEWIS BLACK, COMEDIAN & HOST

He’ll also touch on the primaries during his Warner stint, although by now, “I feel they’ve all been president and now it’s time for someone else.” His choice to unify the country? “Santa Claus.”

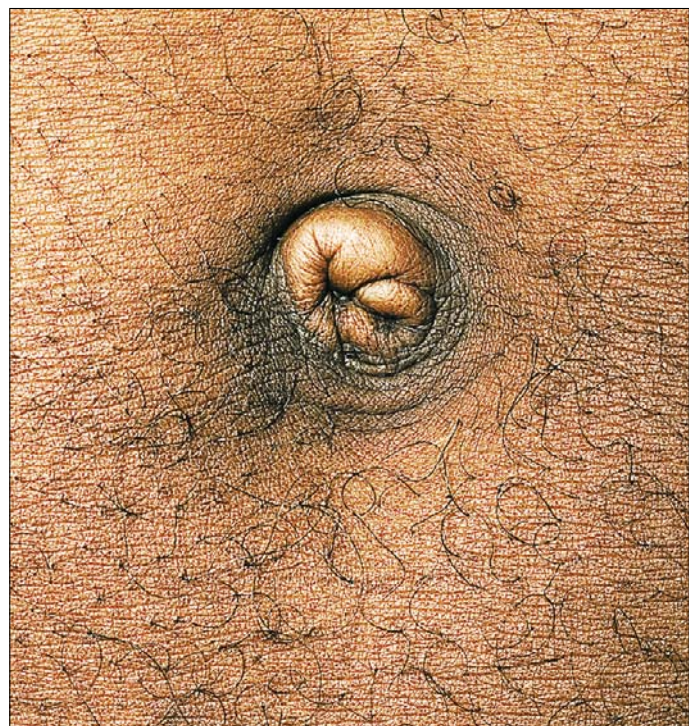
“We are screwed for a while,” he figures. “But we’ll come out the other end. It could be the back end, though.” He doesn’t mince words about President Bush (“the first administration that doesn’t seem to read resumes”) or Sen. John McCain (“the same tide-is-turning [expletive] we saw in Vietnam”).

Those political types get off lightly, though. “If I’m ever near [Dan] Snyder, I’ll try to bite him.”

PAUL STELTER

→ Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW; through Sun., \$59.50-\$75; 202-783-4000, warnertheatre.com. (Metro Center)

GALLERY | CLOSER LOOKS



JASON HOROWITZ

IS THAT YOUR ... ? Get up close and personal with someone else’s body in Jason Horowitz’s “Corpus” at Curator’s Office through June 21. Known for his large-scale photographs of the human body (like the belly button above), Horowitz walks a fine line between ew and oooh with images so focused that small parts of the body transform into massive abstractions.

Underground Legends

Lady of Soul Res is back to give fans their fix at 9:30 Club

MUSIC | Contemporary black American music is filled with promising artists who emerged between the pre-millennium tension of the late ’90s and the cultural rebooting of Sept. 11. Folks like D’Angelo, Maxwell and Lauryn Hill, who galvanized the R&B world only to burn out or fade away.

Res took her place on that list — temporarily. The singer born Shareese Renée Ballard burst onto the scene in 2001 with her blistering rock-driven debut, “How I Do.” Her gutsy voice and slightly riot-grrrl swagger rivaled that of Macy Gray, upping the ante of what was considered mainstream black music.

But like other “difficult to market” artists, Res was plowed under by corporate shuffling, which put



TO THE TOP: Genre-melding soul singer Res prepares to resurface.

her much-anticipated sophomore recording on hold. “The last year I was with Geffen, I said, ‘If you don’t release my album, I want to leave,’” Res says.

Well, her record didn’t come out; Res left; and the music world deemed her another MIA artist. Instead of slinking away, she’s been navigating deep in the underground scene, staging a re-emergence. She’s collaborated with Talib Kweli and Gnarls Barkley and is now fronting two bands: Fleetwood Black, an all-girls group with Graph Nobel and Alex; and Idle Warship, with Nobel and Talib Kweli.

“When I moved [to L.A.], I started over from ground zero — fired everybody and got a new management team, promoters, everything,” says Ballard. In regards to timing and if her blend of rock, soul and hip-hop was too forward-thinking for 2001, Res argues that perhaps that’s true, but says that she’s happy that “How I Do” continues to inspire other talent. JOHN MURPH

→ 9:30 Club, 815 V St., NW; Sun.; 7:30 p.m.; \$18; 202-265-0930

Religion That's Set To Music

The Bach Sinfonia unearths Heinrich Biber's lost work

CLASSICAL | Although 17th-century composer Heinrich Biber's violin music is now semi-famous, his setting of the Stabat Mater, the Latin text describing Mary's sorrows during Jesus' Crucifixion, has lain unperformed for about 300 years.

That'll change when Daniel Abraham and his Bach Sinfonia present the modern premiere of the work at Woodside United Methodist Church in Silver Spring.

Though it works within a conservative, churchly aesthetic, "there are some interesting devices," Abraham explains. "There's a theme that underlays the Crucifixus moments, with some motivic ties to other words. There's a fair amount of word painting, given the time. Sometimes there's a lot of mixture of mode. Probably the most intriguing thing is, 'Where is it going next?'"



Musical and artistic director Daniel Abraham conducts his Bach Sinfonia.

Other under-heard 17th-century pieces round out the program: Giacomo Carissimi's "Historia di Jephthe," from 1648, which Abraham calls "really the first of the great oratorios"; and selections from Salomon Rossi's "Songs of Solomon."

After the performance, the Bach Sinfonia will record the program for Dorian, and Abraham will seek to publish his performing edition of the Stabat Mater. Yet simply unearthing the Biber has given Abraham satisfaction: "Your hands are on it for the first time in many centuries. You've put something out there for the consideration of humanity."

ANDREW LINDEMANN MALONE

→ Woodside United Methodist Church, 8900 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Sat., 8 p.m., \$28 (\$15 for students); 301-362-6525. (Silver Spring)



BEST FRIENDS FOREVER: Jon Voigt and Dustin Hoffman form an unexpected bond in United Artists' "Midnight Cowboy."

Movie Makers

United Artists whips out its entire catalog to celebrate 90 years

FILM | For film critic Jay Carr, the news that Tom Cruise would assume the role of co-head of United Artists in 2006 meant the studio had come full circle.

It was founded in the late 1910s by three superstars of silent film — Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford, and Charlie Chaplin — who bemoaned the studio system's disregarding treatment of actors.

"In the beginning," says Carr, "United Artists really was a case of united artists."

Promoting independent and adventurous filmmaking for nearly a century, the studio is celebrating its 90th anniversary with film festivals in cities across the country as a lead-up to the massive 90-title United Artists 90th Anniversary Prestige Collection in December.

"You're going to need a fork-lift to move it," laughs Carr, who serves as the national spokesman for the festival.

The AFI Silver Theatre in Silver

"A lot of these films have been around a long time, and a lot of people have actually not seen a lot of them."

JAY CARR, FESTIVAL SPOKESMAN

Spring is presenting seven classic United Artists films through early July.

Included in the festival are several of United Artists' most prestigious films: "Raging Bull" is Martin Scorsese's 1980 biopic of pugilist Jake LaMotta, which Carr describes as the "flipside of 'Rocky's' idealized fairy tale." "Mid-

night Cowboy" is the only X-rated movie to win a Best Picture Oscar, tame by today's standards.

According to Carr, "Marty" introduced TV talent, including Oscar winner Ernest Borgnine, to the silver screen. John Frankenheimer's chilling political fable "The Manchurian Candidate" was a flop in 1962 but still resonates more than 40 years later.

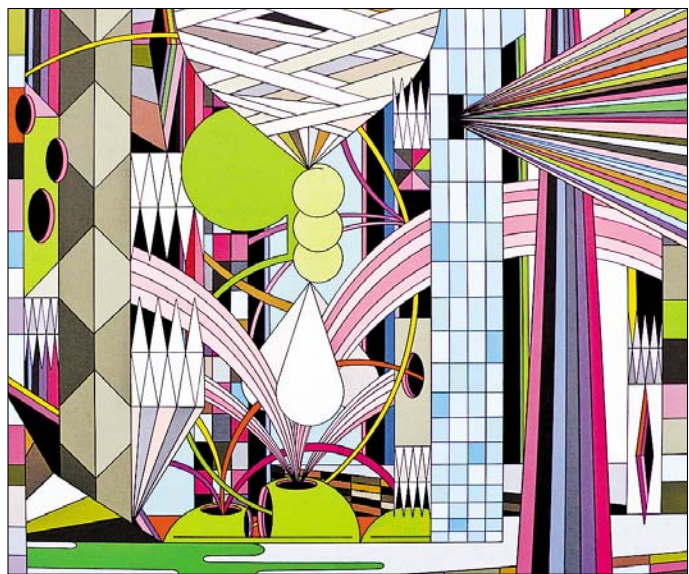
And Sergio Leone's "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" was, according to Carr, "the last of the trilogy that put spaghetti Westerns on the map."

"A lot of these films have been around a long time, and a lot of people have actually not seen a lot of them," says Carr. "It's a wonderful chance to see these films on a big screen."

STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

→ AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; opens Sat., through July 2, \$6.75-\$9.75; 301-495-6700. (Silver Spring)

GALLERY | BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY



LIKE SUNSHINE: Thursday through Saturday, witness art history in the making as artist James Marshall (Dalek) creates an original painting on site during his new exhibit, "Overweight." Marshall's bright, bold and eye-catching collection goes on display Saturday at Irvine Contemporary.

Taking the Long Way

One of David Lynch's cinematic puzzles comes to your TV

DVD | David Lynch is a weird one for DVDs.

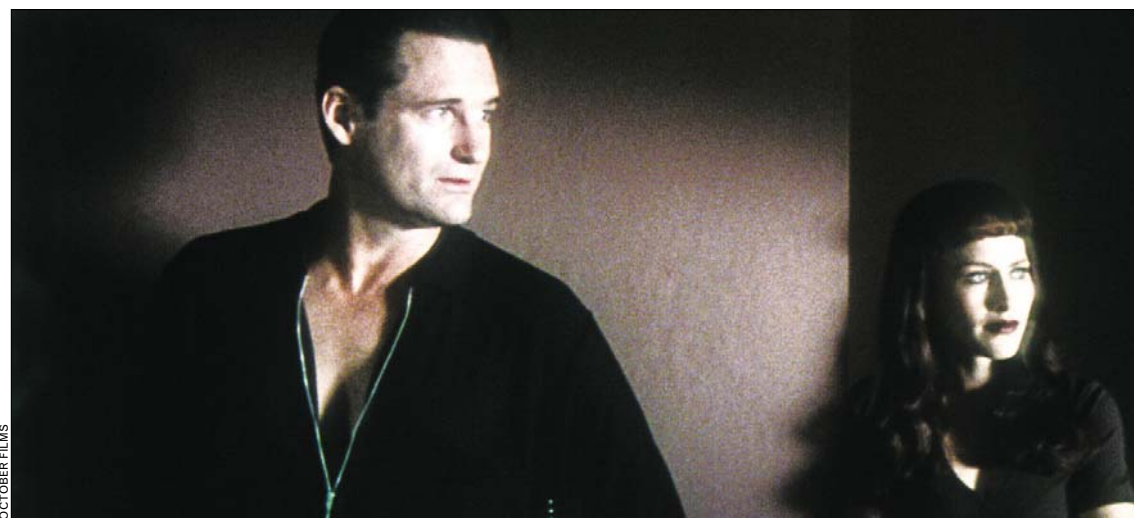
While most filmmakers cram their releases with bonus features, Lynch values mystery. Occasionally, he throws in a making-of or a trailer, but he generally disdains commentary tracks. "Mulholland Drive" even lacked scene selection, forcing viewers to watch the film in order.

That a new edition of his 1997

creepfest "Lost Highway" comes with no special features is neither surprising nor disappointing. (There is scene selection, which shouldn't be taken for granted, and interactive menus.) All you need, Lynch insists, is the movie itself.

In the case of "Lost Highway," that's saying a lot. Upon its release, the movie was largely dismissed by critics as being too opaque and mannered, with split characters and an impenetrable storyline that doubles back on itself and eat its tail.

Lynch opens with Fred and Renee Madison, a Los Angeles couple who favor strained con-



ROAD TO SOMEWHERE: The husband either murders the wife or doesn't, and he maybe morphs into another guy, or not.

versations and save on their utilities by keeping their bare house spookily underlit. Fred (Bill Pullman) may murder Renee (Patricia Arquette).

In his jail cell, Fred morph into Pete (Balthazar Getty), a young mechanic who works for a gangster named Mr. Eddy (Robert Loggia, who finds the scenery especially

delicious). Pete falls for Mr. Eddy's moll, a platinum blonde (Arquette again) who may be Renee.

Presiding over these head-scratching events is the Mystery Man, played by a pre-trial Robert Blake slathered in kabuki makeup and shorn of eyebrows. Exuding truly creepy menace, he may enable the characters' real or unreal acts of

evil. Even if you never figure out the may and may-nots, you'll remember everything Blake says.

"Lost Highway" is a film as puzzle. The director gives us all the pieces we need to consider and understand the movie, but he doesn't show you how to put them together. After all, what fun would that be? **STEPHEN M. DEUSNER**

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 | Iron Man

Amid so many generic fireballs, kill shots and earsplitting thumps, the film finally collapses under its own weight. **ANN HORNADAY**

2 | What Happens in Vegas

This bright comedy never makes you feel stupid for enjoying its brisk pacing, smart lines and comic acting from Ashton Kutcher and Cameron Diaz. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

3 | Speed Racer

Larry and Andy Wachowski lay it on thick in this narratively scrambled blob. **ANN HORNADAY**

4 | Made of Honor

Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan have it all, but they're hapless prisoners in a nasty little caper that follows convention as conventionally as possible. **DESSON THOMSON**

5 | Baby Mama



UNREAL: Emile Hirsch and Christina Ricci—or their avatars—in "Speed Racer."

Audiences alive to the modest charms of this Tina Fey-Amy Poehler film's take on female friendship will be rewarded with a few quiet chuckles. **ANN HORNADAY**

6 | Forgetting Sarah Marshall

Guffawing at this comedy is time enjoyably spent and philosophically cathartic. **DESSON THOMSON**

7 | Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo

The boys are back in trouble, along with Neil Patrick Harris and the giant bag of pot. This film was not screened.

8 | The Forbidden Kingdom

This Jackie Chan-Jet Li movie is a lazy downloading of elements from "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." **DESSON THOMSON**

9 | Nim's Island

The film is a mishmash of other tales, but it's still refreshing to see a young girl (Abigail Breslin) embark on feats of derring-do. **ANN HORNADAY**

10 | Prom Night

Though we can celebrate the substitution of suspense for gore in this remake of the 1980 film, this movie feels just plain dumb. **JANE HORWITZ**

Indies & Arties

First Blood

Rambo is 15 feet tall again and out for revenge—in high definition!—when "First Blood" hits movie theaters nationwide for one night only. For those of you too young to know, "First Blood" was the first in the "Rambo" series. So, if you've ever wondered exactly why John Rambo is so uptight, this is your chance to find out. The special event will include more than just the movie: "Rambo" fanatics and Sylvester Stallone fans will be more than happy to witness an interview with Sly that will be available only at these screenings.

→ SEE FATHOMEVENTS.COM FOR THEATERS; THU., 7:30 P.M.

Virginia Lee Burton

A truly unforgettable author, Virginia Lee Burton's books have been in constant publication since their initial publication. The life of Burton, a defining author in children's illustrated literature, is portrayed in "Virginia Lee Burton: A Sense of Place." The film will be screened at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, giving Burton her due praise for years of hard work.



Yes, children, Sylvester Stallone, star of the "Rambo" films, was young once.

→ NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS; 1250 NEW YORK AVE. NW, 202-783-5000; SUN., FREE, 2 P.M.; VIRGINIALEEEDBURTON.COM.

'3:10 to Yuma

The original cowboy classic, inspired by the story of Elmore Leonard, without the million-dollar budget can still hold its own against the recent remake. "3:10 to Yuma," the intense cowboy flick we now associate with puppy-dog-eyed Russell Crowe and the new and improved Batman, Christian Bale, is just as good in black and white, even if the old eye candy isn't around anymore.

→ MARY PICKFORD THEATRE; 101 INDEPENDENCE AVE. SE; 202-707-5677; THURS., 7 P.M., LOC.GOV.

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UNWASHED BLACK HAIR REQUIRED: Goth legends Type O Negative hit Rams Head Live on Sunday riding the Jagermister bandwagon with Hatebreed and 3 Inches of Blood. Type O's latest album is "Dead Again," a far cry from the anal probing on the cover of their 1992 album, "The Origin of Feces."

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→ THURSDAY

Apex: "College Night," DJ Randy White, VJ Steve Rosa, 9 p.m., \$5, free with college ID.

Bangkok Blues: Songwriters Association of America, 7 p.m., \$5-\$10.

Birchmere: Joan Osborne, Paula Valstein, 7:30 p.m., \$35.

Black Cat: Cut Copy, Black Kids, Mobius Band, 8 p.m., \$15.

Blues Alley: Cyrus Chestnut, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Constitution Hall: Erykah Badu, the Roots, 7:30 p.m., \$51-\$76.

DC9: "Blacklight," dance party, 8:30 p.m., \$5.

Jammin' Java: The Cornel West Theory, Sex & Missiles, Almost Human, Cosine, Brodan Jazz Experience, Kyro, 7:30 p.m., \$18 (\$12 in advance).

Kennedy Center: 2008 Sisters in Jazz Collegiate All Stars, 6 p.m., free. NSO Pops: A Date with Dave Koz I, Marvin Hamslich, conductor, 7 p.m., \$20-\$80. Mary Lou Williams Women in Jazz Festival, 7 p.m., \$35.

Mirrors: "Phat Thursdays," 9 p.m., \$10 for men, ladies free.

→ FRIDAY

Apex: "Ultimate Dance Party," 9 p.m., \$9.

Bangkok Blues: Black Cat Blues Band, 7 p.m. Acme Blues Co., 10 p.m., \$5-\$10.

Birchmere: Steeldrivers & Cornmeal, 7:30 p.m., \$20.

Black Cat: Los Campesinos, the Aquarium, Pash, 9 p.m., \$12. "Kicks!," rock 'n' roll, power pop, punk with DJs Kim & Sara, 9:30 p.m., free (backstage).

Blues Alley: Cyrus Chestnut, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Crossroads: Escape Friday Happy Hour & Dance Party with Kurt Riley, 5 p.m., \$20, ladies free before 11 p.m. with pass from crossroadsclub.com.

DC9: "Liberation Dance Party," 9 p.m., \$6.

Iota: Lucky Day (CD release), Boxcar Collision, the Wax Standard, 9 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: T.E.M.P.O., the Slow Burn, Dimestore, Rome in a Day, Ibex, Allie & the Krunch, Once Okay Twice, 7:30 p.m., \$18 (\$12 in advance).

Jaxx: Dying Fetus, Sworn Enemy, Origin, Thy Will be Done, Fallen Martyr, Headache, Suffer No More, 6 p.m., \$18 (\$15 in advance).

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Mirrors: Lissen Band, 7 p.m., \$20 for men, ladies free before 8 p.m., \$15 after.

9:30 Club: DeVotchKa, Basia Bulat, Fancy Trash, 7 p.m., \$15.

The Red & the Black: Tut Tut, Meredith Bragg, 8:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Local H, Lions, CTC, 8:30 p.m., \$14 (\$12 in advance).

State Theatre: The Legwarmers, 7 p.m., \$16.

Twins Jazz: Chip Shelton & Peacetime (CD release), 9 & 11 p.m., \$20.

Velvet Lounge: Deceased, Sacrificial Blood, Vermefug, 9 p.m., \$8.

→ SATURDAY

Apex: Kristina Kelly and the Girls of Glamour DJ Joey-O, VJ Steve Rosa, 9 p.m., \$9.

Bangkok Blues: Robert Lighthouse, 7 p.m. Deja Blue, 10 p.m., \$5-\$10.

Birchmere: Hal Ketchum, Siobhan Quinn, Michael Bowers, 7:30 p.m., \$29.50.

Black Cat: Junior League, John Bustrine, Garland of Hours, 9 p.m., \$10. "Right Round," '80s alt-pop dance night with DJ lil' e, 9:30 p.m., \$6 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Cyrus Chestnut, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Constitution Hall: Jaheim, Sisqo, Dru Hill, 8 p.m., \$60.

Crossroads: "Energy Saturdays," 5 p.m., \$20, ladies free before 11 p.m. with pass from crossroadsclub.com.

DC9: "Konkrete Jungle DC," 9 p.m., \$10.

Iota: The Alphabetic Order, Zelos, Koshari, 9 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Junkyard Band, Mason Summers, the Vicious Martinis, Eric Arcenau, M. Quest, Rogue Saint, Cornell Stone, Root Deco, Society of Strangers,



MOLLY LANDERGAN

Homemade Slice Of Loneliness

→ **A FOUR-TRACK RECORDER** and a cheap beat machine were all Philadelphia-based artist Annie Sachs needed to tap her inner confidence — her own musical sound. That and a salad bowl. "It gets a unique vocal sound," she says in describing her home recordings. It was after she added an effects processor to the mix that her muse — Tickle Feather — began to take shape. Her first few singles won over avant-pop peddler Animal Collective, which winged her on a recent tour. Her full-length debut, "Tickle Feather," is her latest lo-fi affair: "I didn't realize it until I compiled the CD that it had such a lonesome sound. I think of myself as a playful songwriter. JOHN RICKMAN *Comet Ping Pong*, 5037 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sat., 8 p.m., free; 202-364-0404. (Tenleytown-AU)

7:30 p.m., \$18 (\$12 in advance).

Jaxx: I Saw a Ghost, In Alcatraz 1962, Prodigium, Mercy Forgotten, Starlit Eyes, Divided We Fall, Monkey Fist, My Personal Bravery, Maim, So Damn Thirsty, Puppet, Jema, Beyond the Call, the Harlequins, Penance, Today We Fight, Epidemic, My Ransomed Soul, 12 p.m., \$12 (\$10 in advance).

Kennedy Center: Jazz Reach: She Said / She Says, 4 p.m., \$15. 2008 Sisters in Jazz Collegiate All-Stars, 6 p.m., free. Mary Lou Williams Women in Jazz Festival, 7 p.m., \$35. NSO Pops: A Date with Dave Koz I, Marvin Hamslich, conductor, 8 p.m., \$20-\$80.

9:30 Club: The Speaks, Monako, Dream-Continued on page E12

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The Shepherd School of Music at Rice University, 6 p.m., free. The Kennedy Center Chamber Players perform works by Jaffe & Schumann, 7:30 p.m., \$35.

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Arlington Arts Center: "Spring Solos 2008," solo exhibitions by six local artists, through May 31. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, arlingtonartscenter.org.

Art Museum of America: "Of Rage and Redemption — the Art of Oswaldo Guayasamin," through May 29. 201 18th St. NW; 202-458-3752, oas.org.

Athenaeum Gallery: "Rackets and Remedies," Laurel Hausler's playful, disturbing mixed-media paintings and collages focusing on 19th-century medicine, through June 15. 202 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0035, nvfaa.org.

Carroll Square Gallery: "Great American Pastime," photos and works about baseball's most memorable moments, through May 24. 975 F St. NW; 202-234-5601, hemphillfinearts.com.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Chance Encounters: Photographs From the Collection of Norman Carr and Carolyn Kinder Carr," street photography from the early 20th century through the '70s, through June 22. "The American Evolu-

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Civilian Art Projects: "Feel Better, Longer," an experimental exhibit that explores interdependence, through June 14. "Much-Much," multi-layered works by Jen Stark, through June 14. 406 7th St. NW, 3rd floor, 202-347-0022, civilianartprojects.com.

DAR Museum: "Telling Their Stories: 19th Century Samplers and Silk Embroideries," through Aug. 30. 1776 D St. NW; 202-879-3241, dar.org/museum.

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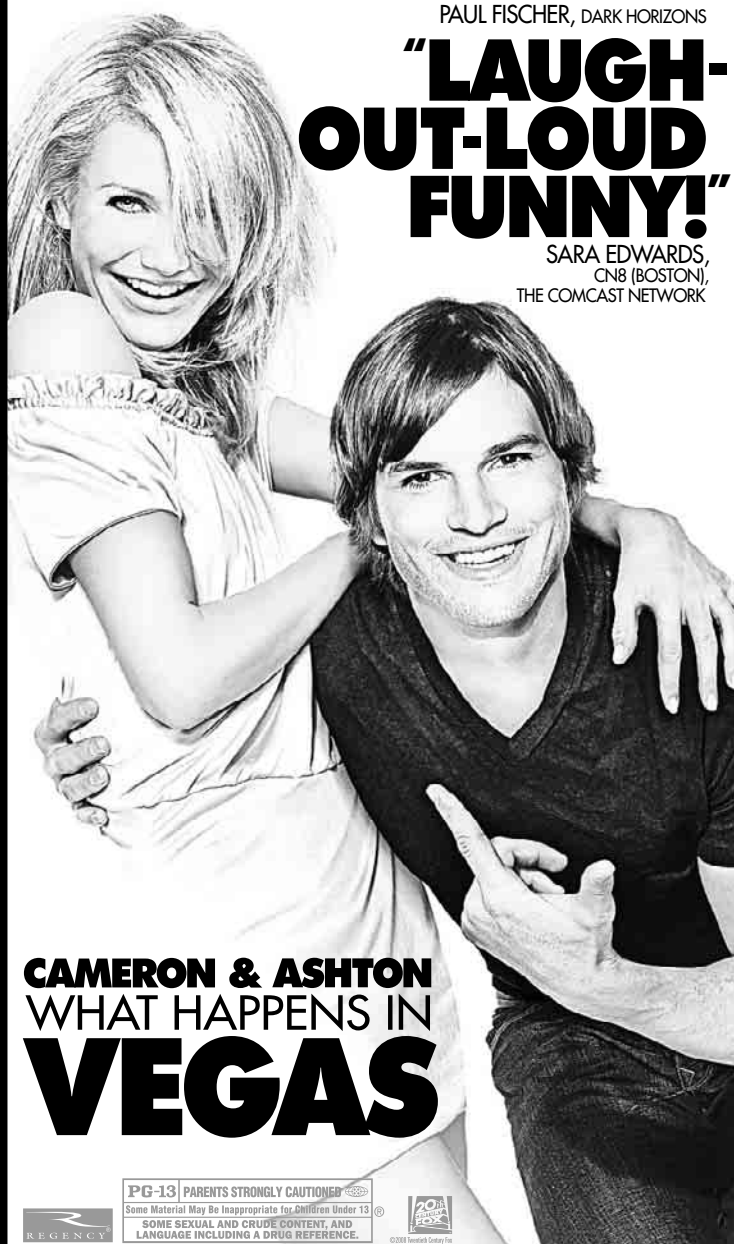
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District Fine Arts: “Revelation,” photos by Gene Markowski that take on the Roman Catholic Church, through May 31. 1639 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-3545, dfaonline.com.

LAST CHANCE Embassy of Chile: “Elementos,” paintings by Gustavo Schmidt,” through May 20. 1732 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-530-4118, embassyofchile.org.

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Foundry Gallery: “The Figure is Central,” abstract paintings by Stephen Nordlinger, through June 1. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203, foundrygallery.org.

Fraser Gallery: “Air Rites,” paintings by John Winslow, through May 31. 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651, thefrasergallery.com.

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BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (245 510) 745 1010

FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (145 515) 745 1015

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (115 915) 745 1015

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN - MIDNITE (PG) ★ 1159 PM

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RAMBO FIRST BLOOD (NR) 730 PM

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN - MIDNITE (PG) ★ 1201 AM

SPEED RACER (PG) ★ (1215 115 315 415) 615 715 915 1015

MADE OF HONOR (PG-13) (225 450) 715 940

IRON MAN (PG-13) (100 130 330 400 430) 630 700 730 930 1000

BABY MAMA (PG-13) (1245 350) 750 1040

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BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (245 510) 745 1010

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STREET KINGS (R) - ID REQ'D (130) 730

TYLER PERRY'S: MEET THE BROWNS (PG-13) (430) 945

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RAMBO FIRST BLOOD (NR) 730 PM

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN - MIDNITE (PG) ★ 1201 AM

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13) (1145 1245 220) 410 500 640 745 915 1025

SPEED RACER (PG) ★ (1130 1230 245) 345 615 715 930 1020

RED BELT (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 230) 510 800 1035

IRON MAN - DP (PG-13) (100) 400 1015

MADE OF HONOR (PG-13) (1220 145) 315 415 610 710 900 950

IRON MAN (PG-13) (1230 130 200) 330 430 500 630 730 820 945 1045

OC & DA: BABY MAMA (PG-13) (210) 920

BABY MAMA (PG-13) (1150) 435 655

HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO

BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 300) 530 810 1040

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (130) 445 750 1030

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12

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Adv. Tix on Sale SEX AND THE CITY (R) - ID REQ'D ★

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13) (155 225 430 500) 705 735 940 1010

SPEED RACER (PG) ★ (1220 100 330 410) 640 720 950 1030

RED BELT (R) - ID REQ'D (235 510) 745 1020

THE VISITOR (PG-13) (255 530) 805

FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (1240 330 620) 910

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (110 400) 650 945

SMART PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (245 520) 755 1025

PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (1230 315 540) 815 1040

LEATHERHEADS (PG-13) (1255) 630

UNDER THE SAME MOON (PG-13) (345) 920

HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) (210 440)

THE BANK JOY (R) - ID REQ'D 710 1000

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SPEED RACER (PG) ★ (1235 105 340 410) 645 715 950 1020

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13) (1210 215 245 505 535) 745 815 1025

IRON MAN (PG-13) (1220 120 150 255 325 425 455) 600 730 800 935 1035

IRON MAN - DP (PG-13) (1250 355) 700 1005

MADE OF HONOR (PG-13) (115 215 400 500) 640 740 920 1020

OC & DA: BABY MAMA (PG-13) (330) 855

BABY MAMA (PG-13) (1255) 620

HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO

BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 350) 625 900

FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (235 525) 825

88 MINUTES (R) - ID REQ'D (230 515) 755

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (130 420) 710 1000

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SPEED RACER (PG) ★ (Stadium) (1145 130 315 430) 645 730 945 1030

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13) (Stadium) (1150 115 215 340) 435 630 725 900 1010

RED BELT (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (150 415) 715 940

IRON MAN (PG-13) (Stadium) (1200 100 200 300 400 500) 615 700 800

MADE OF HONOR (PG-13) (Stadium) (1215 140 240 410 510) 610 740 905 1005

BABY MAMA (PG-13) (Stadium) (1205 230 455) 720 955

HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO

BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1220 250 515) 755

FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (Stadium) (1245 330) 705

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1225) 630

88 MINUTES (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1230 305) 650

NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (Stadium) (125 350) 625

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SPEED RACER (PG) ★ (1150 115 215 320 415 520) 625 715 840 945 1015

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13) (1140 120 220 350 450) 620 720 850 950

RED BELT (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 240 510) 740 1020

IRON MAN (PG-13) (1130 1230 130 200 230 330 430 500 530) 630 730 800 830 930 1030

IRON MAN - DP (PG-13) (100 400) 700 1000

MADE OF HONOR (PG-13) (1240 145 310 440 550) 710 820 940

BABY MAMA (PG-13) (1220 515) 745

HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO

BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (210 455) 750 1025

FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (1200 300)

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 340) 635 915

NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (140 410) 640 920

21 (PG-13) (140 410) 615 915

HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) (150 420) 650 910

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SPEED RACER (PG) ★ (Stadium) (1130 115 340 415) 640 715 940 1015

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13) (Stadium) (1120 140 440) 750 1010

RED BELT (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1205 300 520) 740 955

MADE OF HONOR (PG-13) (Stadium) (1145 220 445) 710 935

IRON MAN (PG-13) (Stadium) (1230 100 330 400) 630 700 930 1000

IRON MAN - DP (PG-13) (1230 130 200) 330 430 500 630 730 820 945

BABY MAMA (PG-13) (Stadium) (1115 145 500) 800 1025

HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO

BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1155 240 505) 755 1020

FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (Stadium) (1235 315) 645 945

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1220) 420 725 1005

EXPULSED: NO INTELLIGENCE ALLOWED (PG) (Stadium) (1135) 335 705 925

NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (Stadium) (1200 405) 625 910

HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) (Stadium) (1250 305 515) 735 950

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SPEED RACER (PG) ★ (1215 115 145 215 315 415 445 515) 615 715 745 815 915 1015 1045

IRON MAN - DP (PG-13) (100 400) 710 1000

IRON MAN (PG-13) (1200 1230 130 200 300 330 430 500) 630 730 800 900 930 1030

EXPULSED: NO INTELLIGENCE ALLOWED (PG) (Stadium) (1200) 720 1020

21 (PG-13) (420) 1020

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RAMBO FIRST BLOOD (NR) 730 PM

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN - MIDNITE (PG) ★ 1201 AM

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13) (1200 1250 220 320 450 540) 720 820 950 1040

SPEED RACER (PG) ★ (1140 1240 300 350) 615 700 915 1010

RED BELT (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 250 520) 810 1035

IRON MAN (PG-13) (1130 1230 130 245 330 415 530) 630 710 830 930

IRON MAN - DP (PG-13) (100 445) 745 1030

MADE OF HONOR (PG-13) (1220 115 240 410 510) 710 800 935 1020

BABY MAMA (PG-13) (1240 420) 640 940

HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO

BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (500) 1020

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FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (110 340) 620 945

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(I) 12:00, 1:00, 2:50, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15
SPEED RACER (PG)
(I) 12:00, 1:00, 2:50, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15
WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13)
(I) 12:20, 2:40, 5:20, 7:45
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12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
THE LIFE BEFORE HER EYES (R)
1:30, 6:50 PM
THE VISITOR (PG-13)
2:15, 3:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:00, 10:00
THEN SHE FOUND ME (R)
2:10, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30
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YOUNG @ HEART (PG)
10:00, 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:20, 9:35
THE VISITOR (PG-13)
10:05, 12:25, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
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1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 10:00
ROMAN DE GARE (R)
2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
SON OF RAMBOW (PG-13)
2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
MISTER LONELY (NR)
1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35
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RAMBO: FIRST BLOOD (R) 7:30
SPEED RACER (PG) 1:40, 2:20, 3:00, 3:40, 5:00, 5:40, 7:00, 9:00
SPEED RACER (PG) 2:20, 5:40, 9:00
WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG13) 1:50, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:10, 6:10, 7:10, 7:50, 9:10, 9:50
IRON MAN (PG13) 1:30, 2:00, 3:20, 4:00, 4:40, 6:40, 7:20, 8:00, 10:00
MADE OF HONOR (PG13) 1:55, 2:35, 4:20, 5:05, 7:05, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10
BABY MAMA (PG13) 1:35, 3:10, 4:10, 5:45, 7:30, 8:10, 9:55
HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) 2:05, 4:35, 7:15, 9:40
88 MINUTES (R) 8:15
THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG13) 3:45, 6:30, 9:15
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:25, 10:05
PROM NIGHT (PG13) 8:20
STREET KINGS (R) 2:50, 5:25, 8:05
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MADE OF HONOR (PG13) 12:55, 2:00, 3:30, 4:40, 6:05, 7:15, 8:40, 9:50
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SPEED RACER (PG) 1:15, 4:20, 7:30, 10:25
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IRON MAN (PG13) 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00
MADE OF HONOR (PG13) 1:50, 3:05, 4:40, 5:30, 7:20, 8:10, 9:45, 10:30
BABY MAMA (PG13) 1:55, 4:15, 6:50, 9:40
HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05
88 MINUTES (R) 1:10, 4:05, 10:20
THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG13) 4:30, 10:15
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55
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HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35
88 MINUTES (R) 8:10, 10:40
THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG13) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 10:05
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) 2:20, 5:25, 8:15
PROM NIGHT (PG13) 12:35, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:55
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) 12:30, 2:45

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MADE OF HONOR (PG13) 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
BABY MAMA (PG13) 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:20
DECEPTION (R) 3:00, 5:30, 7:50
HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
88 MINUTES (R) 7:20, 9:50
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) 2:55, 5:10
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IRON MAN (PG13) 12:15, 1:05, 2:05, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:05, 7:05, 8:05, 9:15, 10:00
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RAMBO: FIRST BLOOD (R) 7:30
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WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG13) 12:10, 1:20, 2:40, 3:45, 5:10, 6:10, 7:35, 8:35, 10:00, 10:50
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LEBANESE-COATED MEMORIES: The newly opened Zikrayet owned by Joyce Abdullah and her husband, Charbel, promises to send patrons home not only full of scrumptious eats like the ones above but also with a few warm and cozy memories.

And the Flame Burns On

Joyce Abdullah and family rule local Lebanese cuisine

NEW SPOT | Joyce Abdullah is no stranger to the restaurant business. She's a member of the family that owns the phalanx of wildly popular Lebanese Taverna eateries spanning across the Beltway. And from that experience comes Zikrayet (the Lebanese word for "memories").

Abdullah and her husband, Charbel, have named their new restaurant after such happy reminiscences as gathering around a table, breaking bread and sharing a collegial experience.

Zikrayet, which opened May 10, is a multifaceted venture. In addition to purveying traditional Lebanese cuisine, an adjoining hookah bar called Z-Lounge is available for enjoying an aperitif or an

after-dinner respite. Housed in sumptuous red and gold boxes, the dining room and lounge give old-world atmospherics a new-school twist. Thursday through Saturday nights, a DJ spins Mediterranean and Middle Eastern ambient music. (For an interactive sample, a playlist called Z-Tunes is available on Zikrayet's Web site while you peruse the menu.)

Speaking of that menu, it has some delectable items, courtesy of Samer Ramadan, formerly a cook at the esteemed hotspot Neyla in Georgetown.

Try the hot and cold mezzah plates (tapas-style small bites), which are served at the center of the table for everyone to share. The Foul Madammas offers a helping of rich, meaty fava beans and chickpeas, splashed with lemon juice and olive oil. And the Makanek, Lebanese sausages sautéed with simple elegance in lemon butter, pair well with grape leaves stuffed with rice, tomato, parsley and chickpeas.

The entrees are deceptively straightforward. Fresh local ingredients mingle with the exotic fragrances of allspice, cloves, ginger and fenugreek. The Samke Harra is a buttery broiled fish served whole and embellished with cilantro, pine

nuts, tomatoes and onions. Slivered Chicken Ouzi is given a marinade bath and served over tender basmati rice with yogurt sauce. Pair either dish with a glass of arak, a clear, unsweetened anise-flavored alcoholic drink that turns opaque when water is added to it.

Succulent chicken, lamb and beef kabobs are scented with the requisite smoke and aligned single file with hunks of chewy tomato, onions and green peppers. The Shawarma (thinly sliced beef pressed between dollops of tahini sauce) brings to mind a Greek gyro. Also tantalizing is the Kibbeh Batata, which is the Lebanese version of shepherd's pie, minus meat and accompanied by fattouch, a chop salad of garlic, mint, cucumber and green bell pepper.

Abdullah was once a part of a dynasty of Lebanese cuisine in the Metro area — albeit an ancillary role. With her new restaurant, a passing of the torch has taken place. In both a literal and a symbolic sense, the name says it all: "Thanks for the memories."

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On Friday, Buddha will know everybody's name. Mie N Yu is hosting an event dedicated to



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G Fine Art: "Remake," Ivan Navarro & Courtney Smith rework used materials to form sculpture, through June 28. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-462-1601, gfineartdc.com.

Gallery Neptune: "RAPT," naked women painted by Lisa Montag Brotman, through June 7. 4901 Cordell Ave., Bethesda.; 301-718-0809, galleryneptune.com.

Goethe Institut: "Interior Views," photography depicting everyday life in the Parliament buildings in Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg, through June 6. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200.

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Irvine Contemporary: "Overweight," works by James Marshall, through June 21. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

Jane Haslem Gallery: "Sensory Mix," Stephen Tanis' still life paintings, through May 31. 2025 Hillyer Place NW; 202-232-4644.

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Sun. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-1300, american.edu/katzen.

Kreeger Museum: "Phillip Johnson: Architecture as Art," models of real-world structures, through July 31. 2401 Foxhall Road NW; 202-337-3050, kreegermuseum.org.

The Lyceum: "Living Legends of Alexandria," a tribute to Alexandria's finest, through Sept. 8. 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria; 703-549-0760, oha.alexandriava.gov/lyceum.

Marsha Mateyka Gallery: "Gene Davis: On Paper," watercolors and drawings, through June 21. 2010 R St. NW; 202-328-0088, marshamateykgallery.com.

Meat Market Gallery: "Don't Ready to Die Anymore," works exploring death by Benjamin Jurgenson, through May 31. 1636 17th St. NW; 202-328-6328, meatmarketgallery.com.

National Air and Space Museum: "Treasures of American History," many of the National Museum of American History's choicest items — from Dorothy's ruby slippers to Jacqueline Kennedy's inaugural ball gown — find a temporary home, ongoing. "In Plane View," large-scale photographs of planes, ongoing. "Military Unmanned Aerial Vehicles," flying without pilots, ongoing. "America by Air," the history of passenger air travel in the U.S., ongoing. 6th Street & Independence Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, nasm.si.edu.

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The Phillips Collection: "Degas to Diebenkorn" profiles how the museum collects art, through May 25. "The Migration Series," narrative paintings of the migration of African-Americans from the South to the North, through Oct. 26. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151, phillipscollection.org.

Project 4 Gallery: "Spring Thaw," Christine Gray transitions from a normal world to an illusionistic world in her paintings, through May 24. 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

Randall Scott Gallery: "Mediation, Time and Seduction," Lu Zhang's drawings attempt to dissect the intricacies of life, through May 24. 1326 14th St. NW; 202-332-0806, randallscottgallery.com.

Renwick Gallery: "Ornament as Art: Avant-Garde Jewelry From the Helen Williams Drutt Collection," through July 6. Pennsylvania Avenue & 17th Street NW; 202-633-1000.

LAST CHANCE Sixth & I Historic Synagogue: "Jewish Life in Turkey: Then and Now," photos of historical synagogues in Turkey, through May 20. 6th & I streets NW; 202-408-3100, sixthandi.org.

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HEALTHY APPETITE: At Olney Theatre on Saturday, adults who grew up on Eric Carle's classic "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" (it's been around since 1969) and wee ones new to the book's charms will delight in seeing the caterpillar and some lesser-known Carle creatures come alive onstage, courtesy of Mermaid Theatre.

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Smithsonian American Art Museum:

"Color as Field: American Painting, 1950-1975," an examination of the abstract style that flourished in D.C., through May 26. "Celebrating the Lucelia Artist Award, 2001-2006" features the work of artists who have won the award, through June 22. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu.

Smithsonian National Postal

Museum: "Trailblazers & Trendsetters," original artwork from stamps, through June 2. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-366-5555, postalmuseum.si.edu.

Stanford in Washington Art Gallery:

"Leadership: Oliphant Cartoons & Sculpture from the Bush Years," cartoons and sculptures take a swing at our fearless leader, through July 11. 2661 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202-332-6235.

Strathmore Gallery: "Baltimore Watercolor Society 2008 Mid-Atlantic Regional Watercolor Exhibition," through May 24. 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-581-5200.

LAST CHANCE Studio Gallery: "New York," Roberta Thole's work explores ancient symbols and the environment by using copper, sand and paint, through Sat. "Duo Show," Mo D'Art Andrew Acquadro and DCode Katya Kronick, through Sat. 2108 R St. NW; 202-232-8738,

studiogallerydc.com.

Susan Calloway Fine Arts: "An Ideal Country," landscape paintings by Brad Aldridge, through June 7. 1643 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-965-4601, callowayart.com.

Target Gallery: "Led by Thread," contemporary fiber works, through June 1. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, torpedofactory.org.

The Textile Museum: "The Finishing Touch: Accessories From the Bolivian Highlands," through Sept. 18. "Blue," a follow-up to last year's "Red," through Sept. 18. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilemuseum.org.

LAST CHANCE Transformer: "Christine Varyeny & Tom Graham," through Thur., 1404 P St. NW; 202-483-1102, transformergallery.org.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Medicinal Plant Traditions of the KwaZulu-Natal" features a traditional Zulu market scene complete with various herbal remedies, through Nov. 23. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.gov.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Washington Convention Center: "artDC," contemporary and modern art fair, Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., \$12. 801 Mount Vernon Place NW; 202-274-3402, dc-artfair.com.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: "Tasting the Ghost," prints of the paranormal, through May 25. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757, washingtonprintmakers.com.

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Zenith Gallery: "Drama Queens," fantasy paintings and mixed media works, through June 1. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963, zenithgallery.com.

Zenith Gallery (Alternative Gallery Space): "heART of the Tree," wood sculptures and sculpted furniture, through June 29. 1111 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-2963, zenithgallery.com.

Stage

Antony & Cleopatra: The Shakespeare Theatre Company stages this classic in which two of the most powerful people in the world begin an ill-fated love affair, through July 6, \$23.50-\$79.75. Sidney Harman Hall, 610 F St. NW; 202-547-1122, shakespearetheatre.org.

SATURDAY ONLY Asian Dance Festival: Asian dance companies from D.C. and New York perform, 8 p.m., \$22. Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE; 202-399-7993, danceplace.org.

ELECTRO-INDIE | SHORT BRUNETTES

HAIR BAND: London imports the Long Blondes, at the Rock and Roll Hotl on Saturday, fuse their electronic sound with indie-style songwriting (complex and bleak), and the haunting lead vocals of Kate Jackson bring it all together nicely.

Closing Time: This comedy by Keegan Theatre follows the story of a downtrodden pub in Belfast, through June 7, \$20. Theatre on the Run, 3700 Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-892-0202, keegantheatre.com.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Dana Tai Soon

Burgess & Co.: The Center Dance Company joins the D.C.-based Burgess for their spring production, Fri.-Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m., \$17-\$20. Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 125 S. Glebe Road, Arlington; 703-522-2414, arldance.org.

LAST CHANCE Death of a Salesman:

The Arena Stage takes on Arthur Miller's classic, through Sun., \$47-\$66. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300, arenastage.org.

Design for Living: Noel Coward's comedy follows a world-spanning love triangle, through June 28, \$40-\$53. Lansburgh Theatre, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122, shakespearetheatre.org.

The Happy Time: A musical about a photographer who has traveled the world and returns to his small Canadian town, through June 1, \$45-\$69. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-Continued on E26

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845-0236, signature-theatre.org.

The Internationalist: A businessman struggles with culture shock in a foreign land, through June 22, \$39-\$57. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-232-3300, studiotheatre.org.

Julius Caesar: The ultimate backstabbing story, performed by the Shakespeare Theatre Company, through July 6, \$23.50-\$79.75. Sidney Harman Hall, 610 F St. NW; 202-547-1122, shakespearetheatre.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Lewis Black: The "Root of All Evil" star performs his new stand up show, "Let them Eat Cake," 8 p.m., \$59.50-\$75. Warner Theatre, 513th 13 St. NW; 202-783-4000, warnertheatre.com.

Looking for Roberto Clemente: A rock musical for children about a baseball legend, through June 1, \$10-\$20. Imagina-

tion Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, imaginationstage.org.

Mad Breed: A funny look at the story of John Wilkes Booth's family, as performed by Active Cultures Theatre, through June 1, \$12. Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier; 301-526-9921, activecultures.org.

LAST CHANCE The Octette Bridge Club: A Halloween party in the 1930s turns special when the bridge club gets its photo in the newspaper, through May 17, \$15. Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway, Greenbelt; 301-441-8770, greenbeltartscenter.org.

FRIDAY ONLY Phildanco: Modern dance out of Philadelphia, 8 p.m., \$18-\$38. Strathmore: 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda; 301-581-5100, strathmore.org.

LAST CHANCE The Screwtape Letters: In C.S. Lewis' philosophical satire, the action happens in an office in hell, through Sun., \$29-\$49. Lansburgh Theatre, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122, shakespearetheatre.org.

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Self-Accusation: Avant-garde theater troupe Theatre du Jour presents avant-garde writer Peter Handke's look at self-awareness, through May 31, \$15. D.C. Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 703-373-3616, theatredujour.org.

LAST CHANCE Translations: A small town in Ireland explores traditions and national identity in the early 1800s in this production by the Keegan Theatre, through Sat. Church Street Theater, 1742 Church St. NW; 703-892-0202, keegantheatre.com.

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The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other Eric Carle Favourites: Carle's famous story of the caterpillar who couldn't stop eating, Fri. 10 a.m. & 12 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.,

1 & 4 p.m., \$15. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

Volvió Una Noche: In an interesting twist on parental pressure, a tango dancer's mother haunts him in an attempt to make him a famous violinist, in Spanish with English subtitles, through May 31, \$20-\$40. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-998-4555, teatrodela luna.org.

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